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Flying high — Captain Don Simon, left of the flag, shift commander at the Granite City Fire Department, receives a flag from James Taylor, the chairman of the United Veterans, and other area veterans. The flag was one of 14 given to the department by area veterans' groups to be displayed along Madison Avenue.

Demonstrators allege abuse

30 march at police station

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

About 30 people demonstrated outside of the Granite City police station Saturday afternoon in protest of alleged police abuse.

But the police chief says the protesters have no credibility with him and that their "vague allegations" are "unfair to the guys who spend eight hours of work protecting the public."

"It's certainly their right to picket. They can picket every Saturday as far as I'm concerned," Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said. "But I have a credibility problem with some of those picketing (last week)."

Between 20 and 30 people marched on the sidewalks along Madison Avenue carrying signs protesting alleged abuse. Many of the protesters came from out of town; most were relatives of two individuals police have dealt with recently — Larry Severs and Elaine Holmes.

Late last year, Severs was sentenced to six years in prison for aggravated battery to two police officers, resisting arrest and criminal damage to a police car.

"The Severs family is obviously unhappy with the results of the trial," Ruebhausen said. "But Larry Severs was not a victim of police brutality and is exactly where he belongs — in prison. Police officers have a right to defend themselves when attacked."

Ruebhausen said complaints of police

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— Dave Ruebhausen
Police chief

abuse are occasionally filed and all are investigated. The complainants are given the results of those investigations and may initiate litigation if they are not satisfied.

"When the police department makes just under 10,000 arrests in a year and handles almost 29,000 calls for service, there are going to be some unhappy people," Ruebhausen said. "But the system is set up for them to have some recourse if they feel they've been mistreated."

Holmes, 45, was recently arrested by Granite City police and charged with criminal housing management, a Class A misdemeanor, after a landlord-tenant dispute.

"Police said the temperature in an apartment in the 2200 block of Delmar Avenue, owned by Holmes and occupied by a family with two small children, was about 45 degrees and the furnace was not working."

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Cross burning investigated

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City police are continuing to investigate a cross burning incident in Kirkpatrick Homes over the weekend.

One 13-year-old was arrested early Monday morning and is in custody in the Madison County Detention Home.

"We're certainly not going to tolerate hate crimes of this kind — or any type," said Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen. "There will be an increased (police) presence and ongoing undercover activities in Kirkpatrick Homes."

Police were continuing to investigate the incident and suspect another 13-year-old may have been involved, Ruebhausen said.

The 13-year-old arrested at 2:30 a.m. Monday is listed as a runaway and is a ward of the court, Ruebhausen said.

"He has an extensive juvenile criminal record," he said. "We have every reason to believe he was the one who set the fire."

"It's a shame there are some kids out there that display this kind of hatred," Ruebhausen said, adding that the hatred is most likely learned at home.

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Cawley named VP of Journals

Nancy M. Cawley has been promoted to vice president and general manager of the Suburban Newspapers of Greater St. Louis from publisher of *The Register Citizen* and *Foothills Trader*, Torrington, Conn.



Cawley

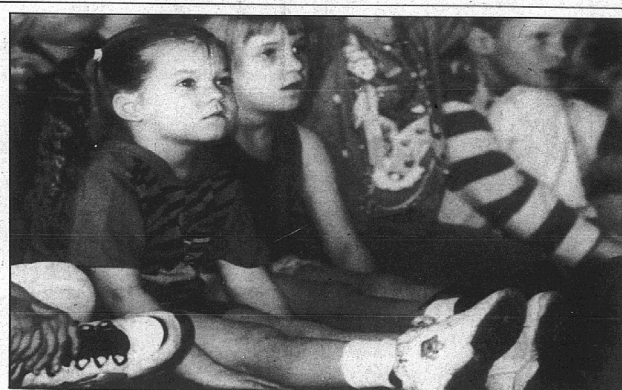
Both newspapers are owned by Journal Register Co., Trenton N.J.

Cawley's appointment, effective March 25, was announced Friday by Thomas E. Rice, president and CEO of the Sunrise Industries, Inc. which includes the *Suburban Journals* and *The Telegraph*, Alton, Ill.

Cawley joined Journal Register Co. in 1992. Prior to her position as publisher in Torrington, she was publisher of *Phoenixville Newspapers*, in Phoenixville, Pa., and advertising director for *The Daily Record* newspapers, Coatesville, Pa. Before joining Journal Register Co., Cawley was with Acme Newspapers, Ardmore, Pa. She holds a bachelor's degree from Villanova University.

"I am extremely pleased to have Nancy joining the Journal organization," Rice said. "Her prior experience in both senior management and marketing uniquely suit her to fill this newly created position in which she will run most of the day-to-day operations of the company and assist me in improving our competition."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

All ears — Marshall School kindergartner Amy Murphy listens intently as the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Choir sings a selection by Brahms for her and her schoolmates. More photos on Page 2A.

Man killed in crosswalk

Granite City Steel worker dies in front of plant

A 49-year-old Glen Carbon man was fatally injured Saturday night after being struck by a car while crossing Edwardsville Road in front of the Granite City Steel blast furnace.

James R. Harris Jr., a Granite City Steel employee, was pronounced dead at the scene at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Witnesses said Harris was walking north, away from the plant and toward a parking lot, in the crosswalk against a "Don't Walk" sign at about 11:10 p.m. Saturday when he was struck by a 1988 Toyota Corolla in the outside westbound lane of the four-lane road.

The driver of the Toyota, a 22-year-old Belleville woman, was not charged.

Witnesses told police a second car was stopped in the inside westbound lane of Edwardsville Road waiting to turn left into the plant at the time of the accident, blocking Harris' view of oncoming traffic.

Harris' body flew 90 feet before coming to rest.

Harris arrived for work at the mill's blast furnace at 9:47 p.m.

Co-workers said he may have been crossing the street to buy a newspaper or to get something from his car.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist KSDK-NewsChannel 5

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Mounds museum no longer free

\$2 fee is part of trial program set to begin April 16

Walking the grounds at Cahokia Mounds is a free trip and it will remain so — even though touring the gallery or visiting the theater in its Interpretive Center will cost starting next month.

Beginning April 16 through Oct. 31, admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for youths 3-17.

The admission is part of a six-month "trial" program approved by the Illinois State Legislature, said Margaret Brown,

Cahokia Mounds site director.

The admission charge was announced in the spring edition of the *Cahokian*, a quarterly newsletter published by the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society.

"The charge is the same as our requested donation," Brown said. "The Legislature decided that this should be done."

Cahokia Mounds is one of three state historic sites taking part in the admission

program, Brown said.

But for now, the measure is only a trial and temporary.

"Hopefully, it will just be for six months — and discourage them from doing it any further," Brown said.

Educational groups — such as classes visiting the site for a field trip — will still be admitted free, as long as they have called in advance to arrange their visit, Mounds staff said.

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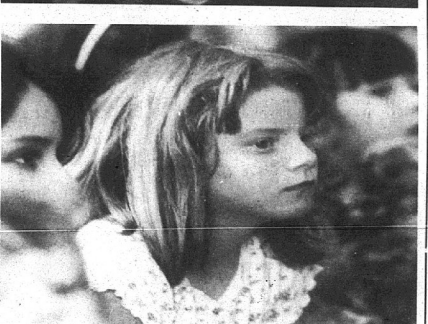
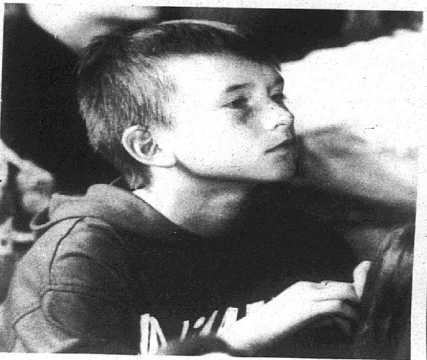
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Music lesson — Above, Dr. Leonard Van Camp, director of Choral Activities at Southern Illinois, explains to Marshall School students how the different melodies that the sopranos, altos, tenors and basses sing weave together to produce the rich sound of a full choir. Below left, second grader Dustin James

takes in the performance. Below right, one of the choir's sopranos sings for the assembly in the Marshall School gymnasium. At bottom left, Dr. Van Camp directs the SILUE Choir. At bottom right, second-grader Ayla Odom watches the choir.

(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)



Runaway taken into custody

A man identified as a runaway from an Indiana mental facility was taken into custody by Madison police early last Wednesday.

The man — a 22-year-old Evansville, Ind. resident — was taken into custody without incident and was later admitted to an Illinois mental health facility.

According to reports, at about 12:30 a.m. police were dispatched to Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza.

A security officer at the plaza told police the man had been talking on a pay telephone when he handed the telephone to a waitress.

The woman on the other end of the line identified herself as the man's mother and told the waitress he had run away from an Indiana mental hospital. The waitress gave the telephone back to the man and notified security.

The Madison police dispatcher told officers that the Indiana State Police had notified local police authorities that the man might be in the area.

He was taken into custody and later transferred to the Alton Mental Health Center, where he voluntarily admitted himself, authorities said.

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Suspect eludes Venice police

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Venice police officer shot at a fleeing suspect early Monday morning, and a man was shot in the leg after being caught in a cross fire in separate incidents.

Venice police reported several gun-related incidents over the past few days.

At about 1 a.m. Monday, Venice police received a 911 call about a man with a gun in the 100 block of Lee Wright Homes. It was the second 911 call received about the man, who police said was on probation for weapons-related offenses.

Police arrived on the scene and reportedly observed the man leaving an apartment. When told to stop, the man started running away. As police chased him, the man reportedly reached into his shirt. At that time an officer fired one shot at the man and eluded capture.

The man reportedly continued running south on Klein Street, and eluded capture.

At about 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, police were dispatched to the People's Market at 1001 Logan Street after callers reported a man with a gun.

When they arrived, police observed a Venice man standing in the market with a loaded .38 caliber handgun. After complying to a police order to drop the weapon, the man was arrested.

According to witnesses, the man had entered the store earlier and requested beef without bones, when informed none was available, he became irate and started cursing. He returned a short time later with the handgun and threatened to kill someone.

The man was released pending action by the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

On Thursday, police were dispatched to the 1000 block of Douglas after callers reported shots being fired.

When they arrived at the scene, police were informed that a victim had been taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City with a gunshot wound to the leg.

At the hospital, the victim told police that the shooter was aiming at somebody else when he was caught in the cross fire.

Woman reports rape

Madison police were dispatched to Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza early Monday morning after a woman reported being raped.

The victim, a 29-year-old Missouri resident, said she was assaulted after accepting a ride from a St. Louis bar.

According to reports, the woman said she had been drinking in a South St. Louis bar and was standing on a nearby corner waiting for a bus when an unidentified man asked if she wanted a ride. She told police she had seen the man in the bar on other occasions.

The woman accepted the ride, and after getting something to eat at a fast-food restaurant, the man reportedly drove to Illinois. He then pulled over to the side of the road, and raped the woman after forcing her out of the car and threatening to kill her.

After raping her, the man reportedly left her on the roadway. Police were unable to determine exactly where the incident occurred.

The woman was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

• Burning

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A large wooden cross, made from two one-inch-by-two-inch pieces of wood and placed in a flower pot, was burned between the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Kirkpatrick Homes at about 1:20 a.m. Sunday, according to a police report.

Ruebhausen said the incident took place in a common area between apartment buildings rather than in front of a particular apartment.

A Kirkpatrick Homes resident who is black and lives nearby apparently called a news crew from a St. Louis television station rather than calling police, Ruebhausen said.

A television camera crew

videotaped the incident. The crew returned to the housing complex later Sunday, drawing a large crowd.

The television newscast mentioned "skinheads" in Granite City — implying an organized hate group exists in the housing complex.

Ruebhausen said the incident was isolated in nature and probably the work of two or three teenagers rather than any organized hate group.

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Weidner announces mayoral candidacy

Madison city clerk will seek post in '97

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison City Clerk William Weidner has announced his candidacy for mayor in the spring 1997 election.

"I'm concerned about the welfare of the city and the direction it was going," he said. "There's been a lot of speculation whether or not I was going to be a candidate or not; I felt it was better to go on and clear the air."

He stressed his strong business background, especially since the city is about to start a major project in the newly approved tax increment financing district.

Mayor John Bellico, who could not be reached for comment, has indicated in the past that he would not be seeking re-election.

Weidner has been city clerk for the past 11 years and is a former police officer. He is a manager of security at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis and graduate of Southern Illinois University at



William Weidner

Edwardsville. "My major concern is the way we are spending our money," he said. "We are spending a lot of our money based on unclear assumptions. I would prefer to have a little more sound financial decision. I'm concerned about the upcoming development in the

TIF district," he added. "We need to look at that from a professional standpoint to make sure it's developed properly."

"We should make sure we have a professional development put in there, and not just whoever wants to move in."

In a press release, campaign spokesman Richard R. George said Weidner would be announcing additional candidates "that will stress business development, tough new laws and improvements in the current city services."

Weidner stresses the need to increase resources to fund city requirements and "this shall not and will not be accomplished through increased taxes," George said. "The city council currently makes critical decisions on the council floor with limited understanding or discussion," he said. "Under a Weidner administration, the entire city council will be active participants in all planning."

Nonprofit groups may escape food permit fees

Permit fees for nonprofit organizations have been eliminated in the proposed Health Department food sanitation ordinance.

The board's Health Department Committee voted Thursday to eliminate the fees in the ordinance, which will be presented to the Madison County Board Wednesday for consideration.

The committee, reacting to howls of protest from churches and other nonprofit

organizations at recent public hearings, had voted last Friday to eliminate fees for one-day non-profit events.

In the original draft of the proposed ordinance, fees had been \$25 for one-day events and \$45 for longer events.

Committee Chairman Harold Byers of Highland said there had been discussions with several of the people who had objected and "they're all very pleased" with the changes.

But the proposed ordinance came under fire later Thursday when the committee met jointly with the board's finance and legislative committees.

"You're going to get a lot of static out of this," said board member Homer Henke of Moro. "I'm not going to vote for it. You people don't realize the political ramifications this is going to create for us."

Henke said he had gotten 75 to 100 calls complaining about the proposed ordinance and other members said they had also been contacted by dozens

of people opposed to it.

Board member Albert Charleston of Alton said he found it unusual that he, a member of the Health Department Committee, had not received any complaints.

Byers said the only complaints he had heard were from owners of restaurants who say the non-profit organizations compete with them for business and worry that the county will be too easy on them.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Little of Alton said the proposal "might fly" after the Health Department Committee agreed to the fee exemption.

Nonprofit organizations would still have to get permits from the Health Department

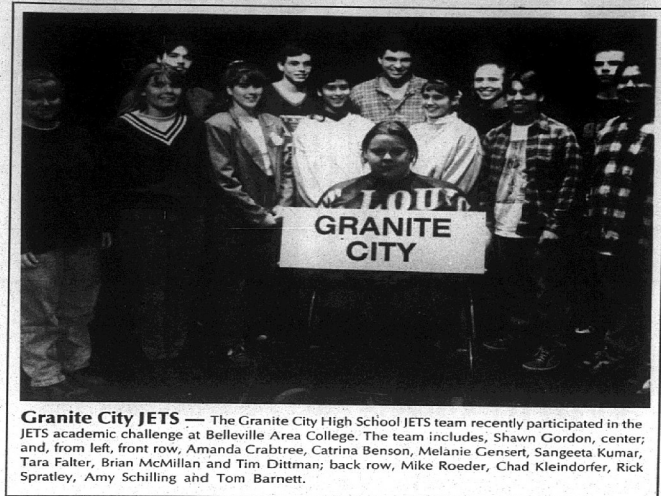
and Health Department Administrator Donald Brannon said the department would provide information and free training on safe food handling.

Permits could be hand-delivered to the organizations if that's what they request, Brannon said.

Permit fees for restaurants and other for-profit businesses range from \$25 for temporary food establishments to \$225 for restaurants and other businesses that prepare and store large quantities of potentially hazardous foods like meat and dairy products.

Board member Bill Aery of Godfrey said restaurant and bar owners had complained to him about the possibility of a \$225 permit fee.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Granite City JETS — The Granite City High School JETS team recently participated in the JETS academic challenge at Belleville Area College. The team includes, Shawn Gordon, center; and, from left, front row, Amanda Crabtree, Catrina Benson, Melanie Gensert, Sangeeta Kumar, Tara Falter, Brian McMillan and Tim Dittman; back row, Mike Roeder, Chad Kleindorfer, Rick Spratley, Amy Schilling and Tom Barnett.

•Cawley — Lucas back on ballot

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...tive position in the market." "I am very pleased to be coming to St. Louis," Cawley said. "I have heard many good things about the city lately, particularly with professional sports franchises. The Suburban Journals provide a very valuable service in covering the news and activities of the many families and citizens who live in the more than 150 local communities. I look forward to working to insure that the Journals continue to meet their needs."

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By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

Ronald "Rink" Lucas' campaign for the Madison County recorder of deeds has been like a light switch — on and off, on and off.

But a motion for a stay, granted Monday morning by the Illinois Supreme Court, found Lucas' name back on the ballot in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

At 4:45 p.m. Friday, Carl Draper, Lucas' attorney, filed an appeal with the state's high court. The appeal was in response to the 5th District Appellate Court's decision on Thursday to remove Lucas' name for a second time from the primary ballot.

Draper said he expects to receive a briefing schedule from the Supreme Court this week and anticipates a decision no later than June.

"We're absolutely delighted (with the stay)," said Draper. "We've put in a great number of hours on this."

Lucas said he spent the weekend "shaking hands and talking to people."

Lucas is challenging incumbent Dan Donohoo for the recorder's seat. Donohoo said he is pleased Lucas' name will stay on the ballot.

"It's been nerve-racking, but I was disappointed when they threw him off last week," Donohoo said Monday morning. "I welcome him back on the ballot."



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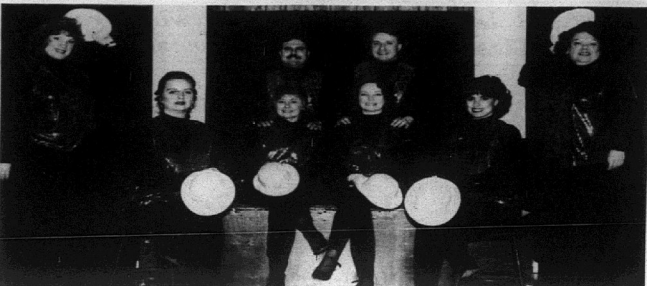
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Seated, from left, are cast members: Victoria Edrington, Leslie Aerts, Julie Barnes and Marta Scaturro, standing left to right: Rebecca Cowley, Brian Wilgus, Stephen Branding and Lisa Garcia Fensterman.

Showtime to present

'World Goes 'Round' here

"And the World Goes 'Round," which hits Granite City for three performances this month, is an evening of songs by the prolific songwriting team of John Kander and Fred Ebb, spanning their 26-year partnership in almost every area of the performing arts: Broadway, nightclubs and television. Kander and Ebb specialize in writing musicals that are a lot of fun, yet deliver a powerful punch. Their shows include "Cabaret," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," "Chicago" and "New York, New York," among others.

The show includes their songs that became popular hits — "Cabaret," "New York, New York" and "All That Jazz" — as well as "lost" songs that haven't been performed in a long time — "Sara Lee," written for Kaye Ballard's nightclub act, and "Pain," written for Chita Rivera's act. Of course, the show also includes the title song from their current hit, "Kiss of the Spider Woman," which recently played the Fox Theater.

One of the most interesting things about "And the World Goes 'Round" is that the creators have reconceptualized many of the songs, pairing up songs from different shows in fascinating medleys. They've also breathed new life into those songs we've all heard so many times. "Cabaret" has a hot, jazzy, close harmony arrangement. "New York, New York" has been revitalized through an ingenious twist (you'll have to see the show to find out what the twist is) that cleverly characterizes New York City as a melting pot.

Tap dancing, roller skating and tambourines

are used throughout the evening in an effort to provide the audience with an uninterrupted roller coaster ride of song and dance from beginning to end.

The ensemble cast includes Leslie Aerts, Julie Barnes, Stephen Branding, Rebecca Cowley, Victoria Edrington, Lisa Garcia Fensterman, Brian Gilus, Juan Jose Ortiz and Marta Scaturro.

The show is being directed and choreographed by Lisa Garcia Fensterman. Additional production staff includes Cathy Casey, musical director; Jerry Petrillo, set construction chief; Wain Winborne, technical supervisor; Tracy Wilson, Dee Delosio and Larry Grey, technical crew; Stacey Brimm and Jennifer Lindsey, stage crew; Gene Casey, program design; Debra Homeyer, concessions; Cathy Casey and Vicky Edrington, publicity; and Leslie Aerts, advertising.

"And the World Goes 'Round" is a show every theater lover should see; a wonderful combination of great songs from the past and fresh new approaches that make them all sound new again.

Performance dates are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, and Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. All performances will be held in the ShowTime Express Theater, 1329 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City. Ticket reservations are advisable and may be made by calling ShowTime Express at 876-6535. Reservation calls will receive the advanced price.

Tickets will be available at the door only if the shows are not sold out.

KMOX desertions

Four more join WIBV-AM; Charter part of ownership

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

"Mr. Trivia" may not recall Beaver Cleaver's zip code, but David Strauss is now calling WIBV-AM 1260 his new home.

Tim Dorsey, a partner of WIBV-AM, announced Thursday that KMOX talents Jim Holder, Diana Proffitt, Debbi Allen and Strauss are joining his team.

Also, Charter Communications will have a major investor role in the station, he said.

Charter, founded in 1992 and headquartered in St. Louis, owns or manages cable systems in 17 states and serves approximately 900,000 customers.

Howard Wood, co-founder and chairman of the management committee of Charter, said his company has been interested in buying a radio station for several years.

"(But) we did not have anyone who knew how to manage a radio station until Dorsey put together a package," he said.

Dorsey, who will manage WIBV, also announced the hiring of several production staff members, including Joan Beukman, news director; John Cooper, Kevin Horrigan, program and sports producers respectively; and Fred Zielonko, program/operations manager.

The recent signings follow WIBV's earlier

additions of Bill Wilkerson, Wendy Wiese, Horrigan and John Carney, which Dorsey

announced March 3.

Strauss first appeared as a guest on KMOX radio in 1978. Strauss will host "Mr. Trivia" on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. at WIBV. He jokingly said he will have the answer to Beaver's zip code next week.

Holder, who has worked at KMOX since 1979, will be WIBV's sports director. He said he looks forward to doing morning sportscasts and being reunited with old friends.

Proffitt came to KMOX in 1993 to host its early morning program. She and Allen, her former producer at KMOX, will co-host WIBV's evening program from 8 until midnight. "We gave notice (to KMOX Tuesday) night that it was time to move on," Proffitt said.

The new lineup gives WIBV continuous programming from 6 a.m. to midnight, which Dorsey said he plans to begin airing on April 15.

Dorsey said he has no plans of moving the Belleville station's studio to St. Louis to boost its signal.

"We will be in Belleville for at least the foreseeable future," he said.

WIBV filed its application for a license transfer with the Federal Communications Commission Friday. The FCC's approval should come within the next three months. A brokerage agreement, however, has been reached that will allow the new owners to begin managing WIBV immediately.

Homebuyer program has assisted 60

Nelson Hagauer, chairman of the Madison County Board, says the Homebuyer program in operation since April 1995, has assisted 60 homebuyers who have purchased single-family homes in the county.

Total assistance provided by Madison County to homebuyers is approximately \$552,000. Funds have been used for down payments, closing costs, and secondary mortgages. Total value of real estate purchased in the program to date is approximately \$2.4 million.

Total amount leveraged from participating lenders is approximately \$1.8 million. In addition, primary mortgages have been made at 75 percent loan to value, and private mortgage insurance costs are waived to program participants.

The average household assisted under this program has 2.7 persons, median income of approximately \$24,000, and has purchased a home valued at \$40,000.

"We feel it is important to work with the residents of Madison County," said Hagauer.

"Being able to purchase a home in Madison County is a goal of many families and we feel that we can lend them a hand and help them achieve the dream of homeownership. In addition, with the interest rates currently in the 7.75 percent range for 30 year fixed rate mortgages, this is an ideal time for a family to purchase a home and lock in at a favorable rate."

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Polsky looks at plant options

Other firms file lawsuits

SPRINGFIELD. Polsky Energy Corp. is reviewing its options on a planned Wood River waste-to-energy plant, an official said Friday.

Firms involved in other electricity-producing incinerators around the state have already filed lawsuits challenging the repeal of the Retail Rate Law, signed by Gov. Jim Edgar Thursday.

Polsky Vice President James Shield, who said Thursday the \$118 million Wood River plant "probably won't be built" without the incentives that were repealed, said Friday the firm won't have any further public comment until next week.

Shield said a lawsuit was still one of the options under consideration, however.

Houston Industries, Inc., a Texas company with interests in incinerator projects in Ford Heights and Fulton, sued the state in Cook County circuit court hours after Edgar's action.

The firm contends the repeal is an unconstitutional impairment of its contract rights.

Foster Wheeler, a New Jersey company building the 70 percent-completed Robbins incinerator in suburban Chicago, also said it plans to file a suit in federal court on similar grounds.

Gov. Edgar appeared to anticipate the legal challenges in a three-page message accompanying his approval of the repeal bill.

He contended the state had no legal obligation to investors in the projects, who had proceeded at their own risk despite indications as early as 1994 that the incentives were in jeopardy.

The 1987 Retail Rate Law required utilities to purchase power produced by incineration of waste materials, paying the same rate charged local municipal utilities.

The utilities were then reimbursed through a tax credit for the difference between the retail rate and their own cost of producing power. Edgar rejected pleas from thousands of area residents and plant supporters to use his amendatory veto to save retail rate law incentives for the Polsky Energy Corp. project and others like it.

Shield said a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the repeal is among options Polsky is now considering.

The governor signed the repeal of the 1987 law during a ceremony in Chicago.

The law had required utilities to purchase power from waste-burning incinerators at the local municipal retail rate in exchange for credits against the state utility tax. The credit was equal to the difference between the retail rate and the utility's own cost of generating power.

Incinerator operators were required to begin paying back the credits after 20 years, but critics of the law questioned whether that would actually happen.

Edgar called the law "ill-conceived and ill-advised" and said it "exposed taxpayers to paying billions of dollars in incentives."

Edgar said the law, unique in the country, "created a potential environmental threat

by opening Illinois to a proliferation of pollutant-emitting incinerators."

Shield and Wood River city manager Joey Tolbert said they were surprised and disappointed by the governor's action. Both said they had been optimistic Edgar would amend the bill to permit the Wood River project to qualify for the incentives while cutting them off for projects not as far along.

"We feel it's unbelievable the state... government would act like an unstable Third World country while trying to attract economic development," Shield said.

Polsky has already invested more than \$5 million in the project but had not yet obtained financing to build the plant, which would have converted waste wood and tires into electricity to be sold to Illinois Power Co.

River Bend Growth Association President Don Miller said the state acted unfairly in denying the company the opportunity to reap the benefits of the money it had invested in planning.

Polsky "made a legitimate business commitment, based on the law at the time," Miller said. "We're very unhappy with what the governor did."

Bonds had already been sold to build incinerators in the Chicago suburbs of Robbins and Ford Heights and the northwest Illinois community of Fulton. The Robbins project is 70 percent done and will still be completed, but developers say they will default on some \$380 million in bonds and will sue the state over the issue.

Tolbert said he is "in a state of shock" after learning of the governor's action.

"We were optimistic throughout the whole process because of the legal arguments not only for our project but other projects — that there was a contractual relationship between the state and the developers," Tolbert said.

Wood River and Polsky representatives were among numerous officials on both sides of the issue who tried to sway the governor on the repeal.

Tolbert said he still believes the city's new business park is "developable and marketable, but we had hoped to see Polsky as our anchor tenant."

Tolbert said the governor's action would make it more difficult to attract developers. "How can you get outside investors to come in if there is no credibility in the programs?"

Both Tolbert and state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bell, said they were grateful to people who wrote the governor on behalf of the Polsky project.

Davis said he also had been optimistic because Edgar had taken so long to act on the bill. The repeal was passed by lawmakers on Jan. 11, but the governor waited until a week before his deadline to act.

"I'm mad and extremely disappointed," Davis said. "He is costing our region hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars for the economy."

Davis contended the action will jeopardize future sales of state bonds and subject the state to millions of dollars in legal costs to fight the lawsuits likely to be filed by developers.

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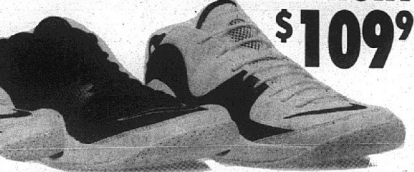


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Consumer group blasts GOP plan

A new round of federal budget cuts endorsed by U.S. House Republicans came under attack again Thursday from a liberal consumer advocacy group.

The Illinois Public Action Council attacked proposed elimination of the program that helps low-income residents pay heating and cooling bills and cuts in student loans and funding for enforcement of environmental laws.

"The latest federal spending bill proposed by Newt Gingrich and the House majority takes direct aim at middle-class families in Illinois," IPAC Research Director David Stahr charged.

He cited the proposed termination of 22,000 summer jobs for Illinois students and elimination of two college student loan programs in the budget resolution passed last week by the U.S. House.

Stahr also criticized the proposed elimination in the federal low-income home energy assistance program, which helped 146,000 Illinois families pay heating bills this winter.

Stahr also complained about an additional 21 percent cutback in Environmental Protection Agency enforcement funds on top of a previous 40 percent cut.

"Unable to oppose effective environmental enforcement directly, the backers of the House plan are now attempting to strangle the EPA by slicing its funding," he said.

Stahr conceded President Clinton will probably veto the latest House budget plan, because it is essentially the same as ones he had vetoed in the past. He called on moderate Republicans, however, to join in a responsible budget compromise effort.

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The workshops will be conducted by a

practicing attorney or judge. Each workshop will consist of two speakers; the first will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the second speaker at 8 p.m.

On April 3, Associate Circuit Judge Lawrence Kershner will lead "The Courts and How They Operate." Also, Associate Circuit Judge Michael J. Meehan will lead "Juvenile Court: So Your Teenager is in Trouble."

On April 10, "Bankruptcy and Debt Relief" will be led by attorney Dennis J. Orsey of Granite City. Also, "Worker Compensation: Understanding Your

Rights" will be led by attorney Ron Motil of Granite City.

On April 17, attorney Tom Burket of Hamel will host "Wills, Living Trusts and Estate Planning." Also, attorney William Sherwood of Alton will host "Substituted Decision Making for the Elderly: Durable Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Etc."

On April 24, a workshop on "Family Law, Divorce and Child Custody" will be led by attorneys Elizabeth Levine Levy and Victoria Vassileff.

For more information, call Jill Shaw at BAC's Granite City Campus, 931-0600.

Rite Electric employee and Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 309 member Randy Cann helps keep United Way costs low by donating labor and materials to repair faulty United Way fixtures.

Donated labor helps support United Way

Local firms and individual volunteers contribute much more than just dollars to Tri-Cities Area United Way. Contributions of volunteer labor and donated materials are a significant factor in keeping United Way costs low.

"The lower we can keep our operating costs, the more dollars we have available to support services for people. And that is everyone's goal here at United Way," said John Fruit, United Way Board president.

"Our fund-raising efforts are only one dimension of our United Way organization," said Jan Quarton, United Way executive director. "The ability to involve people and businesses in the day-to-day operation of the organization is a great asset. Seldom does a month go by that we do not receive some donations in addition to campaign support."

The United Way director continued to cite the most recent example.

"After experiencing difficulty with several overhead light fixtures at the United Way office, we contacted Don Highley at Rite Electric for advice. Don offered to donate the labor and materials needed to correct the problems. This help was in addition to the generous financial support provided by Rite Electric and their employees during the United Way campaign."

Other recent in-kind donations Quarton mentioned included: labor provided by Gary Spray, a member of Chemical Workers Local 50, who helped identify and correct problems with United Way circuit breakers; use of a copying machine, donated by Granite City Steel, to reproduce United Way annual reports for the community; and the use of a training center, provided by Magna Bank of Illinois.

"These examples illustrate only a few of the recent non-monetary donations that keep our United Way organization working at maximum efficiency. Each and every donation made to our United Way is valued and appreciated," said Quarton.

Tri-Cities Area United Way is located in Granite City and serves people who live or work in the communities of Granite City, Madison, Venice, Mitchell and Pontoon Beach.

Briefly

School registration set

St. Elizabeth School registration for the 1996-97 school year will be held March 27 for children entering kindergarten (full day) through grade four and on March 28 for children entering grades five through eight.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years of age by Sept. 1, 1996. Birth certificates must be presented at the time of registration, which will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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The varieties of trees available are Norway Spruce, White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Bald Cypress, Red Bud, Tulip Poplar, Green Ash, Red Oak, and Red Twig Dogwood which is a shrub.

These are bare-rooted trees that will be sold in bundles of 10 for \$10. Each bundle will contain just one variety. The last day to order and pay for them is March 29 and can be picked up on Saturday, April 13.

The fish sale is for those pond owners that have an established fish population and need to supplement some species. The species available are channel catfish (3 sizes), hybrid or regular bluegill (2 sizes), largemouth bass (2 sizes).

Health week celebration

Belleville Area College will celebrate National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week March 18-22 at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, with a series of health screenings and seminars.

On Wednesday, March 20, a Heart Healthy Cooking workshop will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 207. On Thursday, March 21, the campus will host a Lowering Cholesterol and Blood Pressure workshop from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 207.

All sessions will be conducted by the staff of St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Granite City. Healthy Heart Cooking and Lowering Cholesterol and Blood Pressure are free and open to the public. Anyone interested in attending these two sessions may bring a lunch to the workshops.



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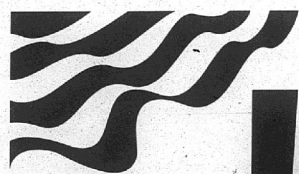
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Wagon Day set for April 28

During the March meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church, the guest speaker, Nancy Kaprielian, who is on the staff of Home Health Services of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, shared information about this agency and what it does for people of the community.

Myra Parrish told of the specific plans to date for refurbishing the fellowship hall at the church during the business meeting.

The Christian Women's Fellowship was asked to make 25 pounds of potato salad for the Protestant Welfare Wagon Day, to be held April 28. The request was made by Guyla Stuart, who is the representative from the church to the Protestant Welfare Board. The members present agreed to help make the salad.

A rummage and bake sale will be sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship, beginning at 8 a.m. March 30.

School to host open house

The Montessori School, 4401 Illinois 162 in Granite City, will have an open house for the public from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24. The Montessori School is a non-profit, private school offering preschool through sixth grade. It is certified by the Association Montessori Internationale.

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Mary Beth McGivern, head directress of the school, welcomes parents interested in a Montessori education for their children to come tour the school during their open house. Students and staff members will be present to demonstrate lessons and answer questions.

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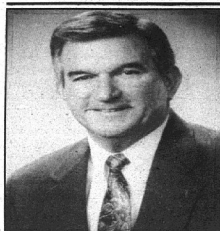
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And there's still time to get a Beatles coffee mug with \$100 in St. Clair Square specialty store purchases or a Beatles T-shirt with \$200 in purchases. To receive your tickets or gifts, present your specialty store receipts dated March 2nd through 31st or make your donation at the Customer Service Center. Department store purchases do not apply. Offer good through March 31, 1996 or while supplies last.

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Hurray! It's the spring equinox, and this is the sliver of time when the universe kowtows to your wishes. That means you must get out there and follow your wishes and your heart. People want to give. Authorities like it when you challenge them. Corporations side with the little guy. Luck goes to lovers who make proposals or talk of marriage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Financial success comes from small things. Check out prices — you can find bargains. In love, refuse to believe a far-fetched story. Stand firm with kids. Your talents deserve more respect. Others will pay you if you ask.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Profits come at the last minute. Don't give up hope. Visitors or neighbors overstay their welcome. Family financial trials end when you take control personally. A newly met friend presents a marvelous idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Evidence and/or facts back you up. Keep pressing your advantage. Investments are lucky. The magic reappears in your marriage. Love on the rebound, though, has its drawbacks. Consult a co-worker early this morning.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success comes through unconventional channels. A crazy scheme works. Split expenses 50-50 or they'll pay more than others. Your intuition is high, especially regarding children. Be frank about your ambitions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are inhibited by a friend's suc-

cess. All kinds of collaborations are lucky. Ask for help — you have multiple resources. Spread cheer. Employers rehire you because of your flexibility and enthusiasm.



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more responsibilities. Your taste is superb. The public buys your ideas or products. Give speeches. All communication is successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You lead everyone with your ability to blend old-fashioned credibility with new work techniques.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). It's a year of new ventures if you strike out on your own. Be willing to move, transfer or make a change in June, bringing raises and promotions. Trust a Leo or Sagittarius — they are ideal partners. Your love life improves with a Libra — marriage is possible in September. Undeveloped skills bring power in May and windfalls in October. Contracts in August give you security.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been saddled with a problem that should be solved by relatives. Don't take on more. The public buys your ideas or products. Give speeches. All communication is successful.

Invest in further training and modern equipment. A tattletale pal is no friend — end this relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You based a decision on sketchy information — postpone choices for now. Luck comes with computers, buildings or inventions. Stop worrying about an improbable situation — it will never come to pass. Sign agreements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New work shifts renew your interest in your own business. Consider being a consultant. Dancing, music and the arts are helping you find new love. Be persistent with a project — you will make headway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your procrastination was lucky, but now you must act. Obligations actually have a happy side. Accept financial help — there really are no strings attached. A casual relationship turns into love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A special love has been unreliable — don't take it any longer. Joy comes from athletics. Retirees revel in newfound wealth or security. Simplify your finances and you'll discover hidden assets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are far wiser than your partners. Trust those instincts. If you can't alter a problem, forget it. Circumstances suddenly change for the better. Old notions about your career or finances are holding you back — move on.

Academy Awards: Bad entertainment can be good

By Kevin Carbery
Staff writer

The Academy Awards presentation is coming Monday night, and I'm once again looking forward to an evening of entertainment.

It's not that the broadcast is usually any good. The draw is that it's almost always incredibly bad.

The production numbers inflicted on the public have been unintentional laugh riots. I don't believe anything can ever top their had Rob Lowe performing the song "Proud Mary" with a woman dressed as Snow White at the 1988 awards show. It was horrible. The Disney company was so incensed it sued the Oscars for using its character without permission.

Then, you have all those stars making fools of themselves while presenting and accepting awards. One of the most embarrassing moments in Oscar history was Sally Field's acceptance speech for winning the 1994 best actress award for "Places in the Heart." She got emotional and said, "You like me. You really like me," making everyone's eyes roll.

In addition, it's interesting to see the ridiculous choices made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences members. Virtually every year, some films, documentaries, actors, actresses and directors who



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deserve recognition are passed over for various reasons, such as because an inferior film covers a hot political topic of the moment or because another performer plays a sympathetic, though irate, role. It was a time that "Hoop Dreams" was not even nominated last year as best documentary.

I remember he took a great deal of criticism, but I thought David Letterman did a good job as the host at last year's Oscar show. He tried to do something different and people came down on him for not being traditional. Well, tradition at the Oscars has been boredom, so I welcome any innovations.

There have been a few people who have pumped life into the ceremony. I thought Jack Nicholson's acceptance speech for winning the 1983 best supporting actor award was a hoot, and Bruce Springsteen's performance of his Oscar-nominated song "Streets of Philadelphia" at the 1993 show was riveting. Obviously, this week's trivia is on the Oscars.

1. What was unusual about

the winner of the Oscar for best supporting actress of 1983?

2. Which individual holds the record for winning the most Oscars?

3. Who has won the most Academy Awards in the best director category?

4. Which two films received the most Oscar nominations without winning anything?

5. Who was the oldest winner of the best actress award?

6. What was named the best song at the 1984 Oscars?

7. Who was named the best supporting actress at the 1993 Academy Awards show?

8. What did Jack Palance do out of the ordinary during his acceptance speech for winning the best supporting actor award for 1991?

9. In 1939, such film classics as "The Wizard of Oz," "Wuthering Heights," "Of Mice and Men" and "Stagecoach" lost out as best picture to what other film?

10. Which best picture winner had the shortest

running time?

ANSWERS: 1. Linda Hunt won for a role in which she played a man, Billy Kwon, in "The Piano." 2. "The Color Purple," each of which won 11 nominations. 3. Jessica Tandy, who was 80 after receiving 11 nominations. 4. "The Lion King," 7 Anna Paquin for "The Piano." 5. "The Color Purple," each of which won 11 nominations. 6. "The Piano." 7. "The Piano." 8. "The Piano." 9. "The Piano." 10. "The Piano." 1977 winner, it only 94 minutes. "Wind," 10. "The Piano." 11. "The Piano." 12. "The Piano." 13. "The Piano." 14. "The Piano." 15. "The Piano." 16. "The Piano." 17. "The Piano." 18. "The Piano." 19. "The Piano." 20. "The Piano." 21. "The Piano." 22. "The Piano." 23. "The Piano." 24. "The Piano." 25. "The Piano." 26. "The Piano." 27. "The Piano." 28. "The Piano." 29. "The Piano." 30. "The Piano." 31. "The Piano." 32. "The Piano." 33. "The Piano." 34. "The Piano." 35. "The Piano." 36. "The Piano." 37. "The Piano." 38. "The Piano." 39. "The Piano." 40. "The Piano." 41. "The Piano." 42. 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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2000.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, March 20

Granite City Business and Professional Women, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens bingo, noon, 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Dotors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

River Bluff Girl Scouts will hold a gala event from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Venice Recreation Center, 323 Broadway in Venice. Call Vera Browley at 451-9034 for more information.

Singles Connection will hold movie night at 6:30 p.m. at Cottonwood Cinemas in Glen Carbon. For more information, call Joe at 667-4796.

Al-Anon, 7:15 p.m. Gateway Foundation, 600 W. Lincoln Ave., Caseyville. Call 462-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

Collinsville Area Recreation District in conjunction with the Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club will sponsor square dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lanham, 2200 Vandavia St., Collinsville. The cost is

\$2.50 per person. Per session. For information, call 344-4636 or 344-4183, or contact CARD at 346-7629.

Divorced and Separated Group Ministry, 7-8:30 p.m., Eden United Church of Christ, 903 Second Street, Edwardsville, 656-9268.

Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 462-2714.

Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, March 21

Alzheimer's Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the President's Room, inside Bonaventure's Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of care-givers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

Behavioral Health System will hold a talk on Conflict Resolution With Children — Practical Guides at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Edwardsville Health Center, 1121 University Drive. The speaker will be Pamela Heck, a children's therapist. This talk is free and open to the public. Call 798-3888 for more information.

Lions Club of Pontoon Beach meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Den, 3901 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach. Anyone interested in helping the visual or hearing impaired are welcome. Call Bob at 797-0747 for more information.

Singles Connection will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alton Belle for dinner, followed by a 9 p.m. cruise. Call Dervan at 656-9601 for more information.

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Social Center, 806 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

Eagle Park Acre Seniors of Madison meet from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 2363, 6:45 p.m. at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For information, 797-6351 or 877-2784.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2415 N. 89th St., Caseyville. For information, call 1 (314) 638-7821.

Granite City Community Band rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 831-0443.

Friday, March 22

Granite Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will hold a dessert sale from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Eagles home, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Proceeds benefit the Cancer Fund.

Hereditary Ataxia (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) support group. Call Curt Williams, 877-5172, for information.

Holy Family Fish Fry will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City. Plates are \$4.50 and sandwiches are \$3.50. Carry-outs available.

Singles Connection will hold a social hour at 8:30 p.m. at Rusty's, 1201 N. Main St. in Edwardsville. The band starts at 9 p.m. Call Debbie at 667-4796 for more information.

Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. in the Milonski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Friday Afternoon Pinocchio Club for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0550 for more information.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

Saturday, March 23

The Impact will hold a

spring dance concert at 7:30 p.m. at Webster School auditorium, 108 W. Church St. in Collinsville. Tickets are \$2. Call 876-9456 or 667-2760 for more information.

Madison County Humane Society will hold an Adopt-A-Pet Day from noon to 4 p.m. at the PetsMart Store in O'Fallon.

Polish Pierogi Sale, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 900 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kielbasa, plum pudding and taco. Carry-outs only. \$6 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 931-3367 or 876-3606.

Quad City Youth Fellowship, 2257 Cleveland, 7 p.m., 831-5480 or 877-4848.

Singles Connection will hold (See CALENDAR, Page 13A)

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At times like these it is hard to say how much our friends mean to us, but from the bottom of our hearts we are truly honored to be able to call you A FRIEND. Your thoughtfulness, your outpouring of love and care, and remembering us in your prayers during our time of loss has been so appreciated and so overwhelming. Ed and Barb Warner, you will never know the comfort you brought to us in our time of shock due to such a sudden death of our loved one. Thanks to the City of Granite for having such trained employees (fire and police). To St. Elizabeth E.R. staff for your valiant efforts. To Wernar Chapel for a service with heartfelt comfort for us all. To Bro. Bill Owens for his prayers and sharing his special poem. To First Baptist and Madison Metal Services for the use of their facilities and providing lunch for our family and friends. Thank you all for your cards, flowers, food, memorials and just your kind words. They were so comforting. A special thanks to Jeanne Ganz and WCTM Chapter 283, your hugs and all you did will never be forgotten and words can not express the gratitude from our hearts. Virgil would have been proud to know how much his friends care through for his family at the very end. Everything happened so fast, we apologize if anyone was overlooked in being notified of his untimely death.

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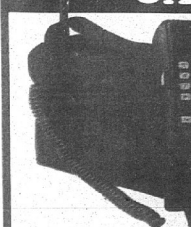
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Calendar

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a scavenger hunt. Meet at Lee's house in Fairview Heights. Pizza will follow. Call Lee at 386-2782 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.
Al-Anon Adult Children, 10 a.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Acceptance, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Sunday, March 24

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Chicken and dumpling/roast beef will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Engelbert Hall, 10th and Washington Avenue in Madison. Adults eat for \$6, children ages six to 12 eat for \$3. Also available are homemade desserts, craft tables and carry-outs. The dinner is sponsored by the Activities Committee at St. Mary's Church in Madison.

Eckankar. Spend an afternoon with the divine spirit from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hotel Stratford, 729 Market in Alton. A \$5 donation is requested. Call 462-7928 for more information. Discover your own answers to questions about your past, present and future through the ancient wisdom of Eckankar.

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will attend the District Seven meeting at the Collinsville Eagles' home, 940 California Ave. in Collinsville. Car pool at noon from Granite City.

Narcotics Anonymous, Live the Steps, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409. Singles Connection will visit the art museum and walk through the St. Louis Zoo. Car pool at 1 p.m. from Smart in Collinsville. Call Doris at

887-4506 for more information.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.
Eagles Auxiliary 1126 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Nameoki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffish.

Monday, March 25

Granite City Foursquare Church, 2400 East 25th St., hot meals served free of charge to those in need or those who just need someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

Singles Connection will eat at Tony's Restaurant, 312 Plaza in Alton. An all-you-can-eat pasta buffet for \$7 will be available. Meet at 7 p.m. Call Darwin at 656-8601 for more information.

Arthritis Support Group, 7 p.m., Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

Madison County Computer Club, meets 7 p.m. at Well United Church of Christ facility, 180 Cottonwood Road, about 1/2 mile east of Highway 159. Beginners as well as experienced computer users are welcome to attend. Members share information about new hardware and software, mostly for IBM compatibles.

Senior Social Club meets at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Dessert is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played. Call 877-1215 for more details.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Chemical Dependency Relapse Prevention group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

First Place, a Christ-centered nutrition program, meets

from 6 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2041 Delmar Ave. in Granite City.

Neglected Victims of Child Sexual Abuse, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 492-2187 for details.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 p.m., Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS IL 645, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

Wal-Mart Senior Citizens, bingo, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Behavioral Health System will present a talk on "Bereavement - The Process for Families" at 7:30 p.m. in Pascal Hall in St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. The speaker will be Edith Brayer, Ph.D., a family therapist. Talk is free and open to the public. Call 798-3888 for more information.

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3587, 8 p.m.

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will hold its second meeting of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles' home, 2658 Madison Ave. in Granite City. A social hour will follow.

Job's Daughters Bethel #43 meets at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., 877-4250.

Ostomy Support Group, 2 to 4 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3167.

People Needing People Bereavement Support Group, 7 to 9 p.m., Wiesman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center; call Hospice of Madison County, 798-3399.

Singles Connection will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA, Esic Drive in Edwardsville, to play volleyball. There is a \$3 fee for three hours of play. Call Frank at 876-4315 for more information.

Depressive Manic Depressive Association of Madison County will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. James E. Lewis and Karl A. Strassman, Co-leaders of the DMDA, will conduct the meetings. For more information, call 877-7517 or (314) 776-4929.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous (women only), 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 692-8078.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Niedrin-

ghaus United Methodist Church cafeteria, 20th and Delmar, Granite City, 463-2429.

Al-Anon and Pre-Al-Anon Program for 12 to 17 age group, and pre-alteen for six to 11 year age group, meets at 8 p.m. at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. For more information call 463-2429.

The Blood of the Lamb prayer and bible study. The public is invited to come for praise and worship, teaching from the Word and prayer for your needs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Full Gospel Fellowship Hall, 2301 Orville, Granite City. A nursery will be provided. If a ride is needed, call 451-4020 or 1 (314) 888-1885.

The Circle of Hope, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. at the King's House on North 60th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

Granite City Kiwanis meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous, Path to Recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

School of Metaphysics, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., 9459 Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

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Depending on your situation, there's plenty you can do. For example, forget about a 75-foot maple tree and instead envision some dwarf trees or shrubs. And above all, plan on putting containers to use.

Container gardening is virtually limit-free. If you have a patio, deck or balcony, you have a place for a garden. While apartment balconies offer great opportunities for gardening, you should check with the management of your complex first. There may be some restrictions.

Okay, you're probably thinking that small gardens aren't worth the effort and are full of disadvantages. Quite the contrary. Container gardens offer many advantages. For starters, you'll have ideal soil to begin with, since you choose the potting mix. Traditional gardeners don't enjoy this luxury too often. With containers, you can move the plants in and out as the weather dictates. Weeds are easier to control in containers than they are in the ground. Container gardening is also ideal for anyone with limited time, patience, stamina or mobility.

You'd probably like to see some "for examples" along about now as to the

types of containers we're talking about. Virtually anything goes here. You can buy containers of every size and shape; Frank's carries plenty. You can also make your own. Or, you can improvise and turn just about anything into a suitable container. Old tires, wheelbarrows, fish tanks are but a few items that can be transformed into things of beauty as a garden container. The only requirements are as follows: The container must be large enough to hold the plant, and it should have drainage holes.

If you read our recent columns on soil, you learned that most of it needs to be improved in one way or another. That's not the case when you buy potting soil. All the work's already been done for you.

Okay, are there any disadvantages? As with anything else, there are pros and cons, but the cons are few and far between.

Plants in containers have limited soil in which to grow, and that soil can't hold as much water and nutrients, so it'll have to be watered and fed more often. Plants in very small containers may need water as much as twice a day. But that's about it.

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Social Security adopting payday changes

By Bill Hunot

Q. I'm going to apply for my Social Security benefits in early 1997. Is it true that my checks won't be coming on the third day of the month?

A. After 56 years of paying Social Security benefits on the third day of every month, the government is changing the Social Security payday. This change affects only new Social Security beneficiaries. Anyone already receiving benefits before December will always have the third day of the month as Social Security payday.

If you apply for benefits after November 1996, your Social Security payday will depend on your date of birth. If you were born on the first through 10th day of the month, your Social Security will arrive on the second Wednesday of each month. If you were born on the 11th through 20th, your payments will come the third Wednesday of each month. If you were born on the 21st through 31st, your payday will be the fourth Wednesday.

The amount of your check will not be affected.

Without the change, by the year 2020, Social Security would be sending 76 million payments on the third of each month. That would be a nearly impossible task for the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Treasury Department and the banking industry.

Q. The literature on Medicare says it covers durable medical equipment. What kind of equipment is it talking about?

A. In addition to helping with doctor bills, Medicare Part B helps pay for durable medical equipment, oxygen equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and some medical supplies.

Durable medical equipment includes wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds. Prosthetics

and orthotics are devices like artificial limbs, breast prostheses, ostomy supplies and glasses (covered after cataract surgery). Medical supplies include surgical dressings and blood glucose strips for diabetics.

Your doctor must have prescribed the equipment for Medicare to cover it. However, Medicare doesn't cover every kind of medical equipment — even if your doctor says you need it. For example, Medicare rules exclude bathtub chairs, shower rails and exercise equipment.

Call Medicare before you buy or rent medical equipment.

Medicare has strict rules about which medical supply companies you can deal with. It may be to your advantage to rent, or to buy used equipment. For more details, call 1-800-362-3670.

Q. I hired someone to come to my house to baby-sit my kids while I worked during 1995. I know I have to pay Social Security taxes on her pay, but I don't have an EIN. In fact, I don't even know what an EIN is. All of the forms request it. How can I get an EIN — whatever it is?

A. Household employers are required to include an Employer Identification Number on the

forms they file for their employees. Your EIN should have been on the W-2 form you filed for your employee.

You must also include your EIN on the new Schedule H, Household Employment Taxes, which you will include in your personal tax return. Schedule H is the form used to compute the amount of Social Security taxes and other payroll taxes you owe on your household employee. You can get an EIN from the Internal Revenue Service.

Address questions for Bill Hunot to West County Publications, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Senior menus

Donations for noon meals are \$2. Call day ahead for reservation, 877-4373.

Wednesday, March 20

Chicken patty, potato triangles, Scandinavian vegetables, bun, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday, March 21

Pork chop, Au Gratin potatoes, peas with pearl onions, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 22

Fried fish, baked potato, three-bean salad, wheat bread, tropical fruit.

Monday, March 25

Baked chicken, rice pilaf, apple juice, spinach, wheat bread, orange sherbet.

Tuesday, March 26

Beef stew, stewed vegetables, tossed salad, biscuits, apple sauce.

TV program targets health

Director Maralee Lindley of the Illinois Department of Aging announced that Charter Communications, Channel 3, Marysville, is airing the March 1996 edition of "Older and Healthier," a 30-minute program which focuses on the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

The State Departments of Aging and Public Health are responsible for producing the programs.

"We feel the program will provide seniors with practical information on aging and health-related issues," said Lindley. "Guests will include experts in the fields of aging and health, as well as seniors who have firsthand experience with health-related issues."

Jan Costello, manager of the Illinois Department on Aging's Division of Communications and Education, is hosting "Older and Healthier." The program is produced monthly and is sent to selected network and public access channels across Illinois.

Future programs will cover issues related to hearing, vision and podiatry, as well as those associated with stroke and diabetes.

For further information on the dates and times the program will be aired, contact Charter Communications at 618-345-6121.

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Quill and Scroll initiates 17 members

Quill and Scroll, the international honorary society for high school journalists, initiated 17 new members Feb. 20 at a banquet reception in downtown Granite City.

The formal ceremony was led by club President Trisha Sumpter, a senior at Granite City High School, as the new initiates pledged to follow the guidelines of membership. Also on hand was the club's adviser, Antonio Betancourt, and the superintendent of Granite City School District 9, Steve Balen, and his wife, Connie.

Students and their parents were treated to dinner after the ceremonies, catered by Jessica's Cottage.

After dinner, the Rev. Carl Sanderson, associate pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Granite City, gave a brief talk on the necessity of achieving excellence in both writing and character.

"I am very honored to be here among people with such a gift from God, and I am proud to applaud what these students have accomplished," said Sanderson.

The Quill and Scroll organization was founded in 1926 at the University of Iowa to pay homage to the efforts of high school students in the field of journalism.

Membership is relatively exclusive, as students must be in the top third of their class academically, as well as having completed a full semester of class work in either journalism or yearbook.

With membership, the students will be registered at the University of Iowa's School of Journalism and receive a gold pin and quarterly magazine.



Far above, Quill and Scroll officers are shown with Superintendent of Schools Steve Balen. From left are Balen, Secretary Tara Wiebusch, President Trisha Sumpter, adviser Antonio Betancourt, Sergeant-At-Arms Michael Rudy, Vice President Shaun McKeal and Treasurer Leann Byrd. Not pictured is Theresa Dames, historian. Above, Quill and Scroll new initiates include, from left, first row, Laurie Barron, Erin Signall, Summer Kosuge, Marcella Noud and Danielle Stern; back row, Andrew Harris, Melanie Gensert, Amelia Tapp and Patrick Mullen.

The 17 initiates brings the total membership to 23. Not all of the students intend to pursue a career in writing, but all agreed that the skills they are acquiring will help them in the future, both in college and throughout life.

Bravo!

Mell makes honor society

Traci L. Mell, daughter of John and Susan Mell of Granite City, was inducted into the Culver-Stockton College Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society recently. She is a freshman biology major at the college, located in Canton, Mo. Phi Eta Sigma is a national college scholastic honor society for freshmen. A member of the Association of College Honor Societies, its goal is to encourage and reward high scholastic attainment among freshmen in institutions of higher learning.

The students honored have attained grade point averages of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale during their first semester.

NMSU releases fall dean's list

Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville has released the fall 1995 dean's list. The list includes 1,477 stu-

dents and is led by 453 students with perfect 4.0 grade point averages for the semester.

To be eligible for Northeast's dean's list, a student must earn at least 12 undergraduate semester hours of credit with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Northeast Missouri State University, Truman State University as of July 1, 1996, is the statewide liberal arts and sciences university for Missouri.

Heather D. Gregory, Jennifer M. Ruder and Sharon K. Kozjak, all of Granite City, and Angela L. Helmick of Madison have all made the list.

2 honored

Angela M. Withers and Kelly Tate Keller, both of Granite City, have been honored by the University of Kentucky for outstanding academic achievement.

Withers and Keller, seniors

majoring in psychology, were named to the dean's list in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students named to the dean's list at the University of Kentucky were honored for their hard work during the fall semester of 1995 and are among the top 5 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled.

Schwab makes list

Rebecca A. Schwab of Granite City has been named to the dean's list for the 1995 fall semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dean's list eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. The minimum number of hours of course work required is determined by each college or unit.

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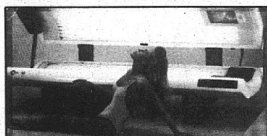
Program helps buys computers

Lake Elementary School recently participated in the Computers for Education program. This program helps schools purchase computer equipment and software for use in their buildings.

Students were eligible for prizes by participating in the program. Chadmen Wilson, son of Danny and Sandra Wilson, a fifth-grade student, was the winner of a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond. The following students are finalists in the Disney World family vacation drawing: Tamara Dugan, Chadmen Wilson, Crystal Bell, Stacy Jackson and Jimmy Daniels. The grand prize drawing will be May 1.

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Garden Study members attending the tour of Forest Park were, from left, front row, Mary Mang, Kate Kostoff, Helen Mihu; back row, Marie Otken, Helen Meyer, Ellen Amsler and Carla Fitzgerald.

Club tours Jewel Box, park

On Dec. 27, the Garden Study Club members toured Forest Park and the Jewel Box poinsettia display in St. Louis.

Those attending were Ruth Polson, Kate Kostoff, Velma Fitzgerald, Dusty Peterson, Nancy Morgan, Carla Fitzgerald and Helen Mihu.

The February meeting of the club was held at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The meeting was called to order by Mihu, vice president, who led the Club Collect. The minutes were ready by Meyer. The treasurer's report was given by Mihu. Roll call was taken to "name your favorite orchid."

The program was on "planting by height and color." There was a display on how it was done. All the members took part in the program.

A luncheon was served by the hostess to seven members, Marie Otken, Mary Mang, Kate Kostoff, Helen Meyer, Ellen Amsler, Carla Fitzgerald and Helen Mihu.

The next meeting was to be held at the Honeybee Restaurant in Edwardsville.

Saints Alive visit Hannibal

The Madison County Baptist Association senior group Saints Alive and friends from other churches left the Baptist grounds at 7:30 a.m. March 11 for an overnight trip to Hannibal, Mo.

Arriving at the Hannibal LeGrange College at 10:45 a.m., the group was met by Prof. Jerry W. Thomason, Ph.D., director of planned giving, who gave them a tour and shared information about the college.

Thomason grew up in Granite City, where he was a member of Second Baptist Church. He became a minister and held several offices, along with teaching positions, prior to his present job.

The group had dinner at the college and were welcomed by the college president, who spoke briefly.

Henry Hall, who organized the Saints Alive in 1983, came to the college to visit with the group during lunch. He works in the Hannibal area.

The group checked into their hotel. Some members visited a nearby cave, while others went sightseeing in the town with Thomason, who explained places and buildings.

Hannibal is known worldwide as the boyhood home of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), who was born in Clarksville, Mo. His family moved to Hannibal when Clemens was 4.

Dinner that evening was at Molly Brown's Dinner Theater, where the group was entertained by a Mark Twain impersonator. Hall's wife visited with the group upon returning to the hotel.

Louise Acocks played the hotel's lounge piano for the group, who then held a sing-a-long.

A continental breakfast was enjoyed the following morning. Dr. Eileen Wilkinson, commander of the Saints Alive, gave a devotional.

Thomason took the group to Clarksville, where they visited the Mark Twain Museum, which was built around Twain's former house.

Members enjoying the trip to Hannibal were Acocks, Virginia Arakaki, Gertrude Ashford, Mary Ashford, Eva Barrow, Faye Bahr, Frank Carroll, Virginia Carroll, Georgeann Collins, Dorothy Davis, Pauline Demery, Nellie Dierker, Ella Douglas, Leonard Gertsch, Mabel Gertsch, Faye Golab, Myra Grote, Virginia Head, Vera Kirkpatrick, Alice Oxford, Kathy Sargent and Dorothy Watkins.

Any senior citizen is welcome to attend Saints Alive meetings. Bob Lewis is president, Kathy Sargent and Eva Barrow are the music directors and Louise Acocks is the pianist.

The next Saints Alive meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 1, at First Baptist Church, 1665 Fifth St. in Madison. A pot luck dinner will be held at noon.



New initiates — The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 hosted the state officers' weekend Jan. 19-21. A class of candidates were initiated in honor of the state madam president, Sue McCoy. Shown are, from left, McCoy, new member Susan Schrest, new member Cynthia Marshall Hughes and Auxiliary President Joanna Spencer.

Legion Post 113 to host craft fair

The American Legion Post 113 Auxiliary met recently at the post home, 1825 State St. in Granite City.

The auxiliary's recent donations include past presidents giving to the Nurses Scholarship Fund.

New members of the auxiliary include two senior members and six junior members. There is a total of 107 members currently in good standing.

Upcoming events include a division meeting about poppies in Mount Vernon on March 24 and a ladies' auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m. March 27.

A craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 30 at the post home. The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$1.

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Obituaries

Christine Doebelin

Christine (Riggins) Snell Doebelin, 82, of Port Salerno, Fla., formerly of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Granite City, died at 11 a.m. Friday, March 15, 1996, at her residence, following a brief illness.

Born Sept. 21, 1913, in Tharp, Tenn., she had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years, St. Petersburg for 20 years and Port Salerno for 20 years.

Owner and operator of a beauty shop in Granite City, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Stuart, Fla., and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Doebelin was a life member of the Florida State Garden Club and an honorary life member of the PTA in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Fay Ladd of Jensen Beach, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Myrtle (Weston) Riggins; and one sister, Louise Williams.

Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Washington Ave. in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Ed Weston officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Perri Joseph
Perri (Janet) Joseph, 40, of New Haven, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, March 17, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, following a sudden illness.

Born July 3, 1955, in Brownsville, Mo., she had been a resident of Granite City until 1972.

Mrs. Joseph was a 1973 graduate of Granite City High School.

Survivors include her husband, Brad Joseph, whom she married Feb. 5, 1975; one son, Christopher Joseph, at home; one daughter, Michelle Joseph, at home; her parents, Al and Shirley Jensen of Granite City; two brothers, Steve Jensen of Memphis, Tenn. and Jeff Jensen of Granite City; and one sister, Kay Kynon of Granite City.

Services were Tuesday at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in New Haven.

Mary Simmons
Mary M. (Morgan) Simmons, 87, of Granite City, formerly of Alton, died at 8:46 a.m. Sunday, March 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, following a five-year illness. She was born Jan. 30, 1909, in Thebes, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for 51 years.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one brother, James Rains of Bardwell, Ky.; and three sisters, Alice Huffman of Wood River, Juanita Pryor of East Alton and Millie Barger of Benton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Simmons, whom she married in 1927 in Thebes, and who died Aug. 31, 1992; her parents, John Morgan and Gertrude (McCullough) Rains; three brothers, who died in infancy; and one sister, Bonnie Keady.

Services are at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at the Sunset Hill Memorial Mortuary, 1416 N. Washington Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial will be in Wanda Cemetery in South Roxana.

Edna Walden
Edna (Smolar) Walden, 72, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Granite City, died at 8 a.m. Monday, March 18, 1996, due to complications with diabetes and cancer. She had been ill for two years.

Mrs. Walden had been a resident of Albuquerque for 30 years.

Survivors include one son, Michael Walden of New Mexico; one daughter, Augusta Sue Walden of Albuquerque; two granddaughters, Julie and George Smolar, both of Granite City; and George Smolar of Edwardsville; one sister, Florence Zmalla of Florissant; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan Walden, who died in 1987; her parents, Gus Smolar, who died in 1956, and Helen Smolar, who died in 1964; and two sisters, Helen Hutchings, who died in 1983, and Mary Guernsey, who died in 1985.

Her remains will be cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2608 Washington Ave. in Granite City.

Lois Hodge

Lois June (Reber) Hodge, 74, of Hillsboro, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:36 a.m. Sunday, March 17, 1996, at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis after a lengthy illness.

Born in Hillsboro, Mo., she had been a resident for 63 years prior to moving to Granite City in 1933.

A secretary with Nestle Beverage Company in Granite City prior to her retirement in 1984, she was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include her husband, David G. Hodge; one son, Daniel Hodge of Hillsboro; one daughter, Nancy Hodge of St. Louis; and one brother, Alan Reber of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mabel (Evans) Reber; and one sister, Shirley Morgan.

Mrs. Hodge donated her body to Washington University Medical School in St. Louis.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and St. Louis, where services are at 1 p.m. today with the Rev. Lloyd Shaw, officiating.

Memorials are requested for the Arthritis Foundation.

Wendell Kennerly

Wendell H. Kennerly, 68, of Madison died at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Mo., following a four-year illness. He was born July 10, 1926, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong area resident.

A buyer with McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1987, he was an Army veteran and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Kennerly, all of Granite City; and four nieces, Judy Baker and Patricia Gaddy, both of Granite City; Trudy Dunnivant of Madison and Richard Keady of Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Owen Kennerly and Irene (Stevenson) Kennerly; one brother, Meredith Kennerly; and one sister, Marjorie Trindle.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Werner Chapel for St. Louis for the Baptist faith.

Services were Sunday at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Joe Caschetta officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Pls. place a flower in memory of Wendell Kennerly.

Nell Maloney

Nell Catherine (Barnett) Maloney, 48, of Vandallia, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, March 17, 1996, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., following a three-week illness. She was born Jan. 1, 1950, in East Prairie, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 10 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her former husband, Paul Maloney; two sons, Jason and John Maloney, both of Millersville, Mo.; two daughters, Crystal Miller, Big Rock, Tenn., and Cara Maloney of Millersville; two brothers, Harold Barnett of Granite City and Bill Barnett of Pontonville; and one sister, Donna Hoffman of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Harold Barnett and Helen Marion Barnett.

Services are at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2608 Washington Ave. in Granite City. Officiating will be Father Michael Fisher. Burial will be in St. John's Memorial Gardens in Dover, Tenn.

Arrangements are being handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontonville.

James Harris

James Russell Harris Jr., 48, of Glen Carbon died Saturday, March 16, 1996, in an automobile accident at Illinois 162 and 203 in Granite City. He was born Feb. 29, 1948, in Clarksville, Tenn.

Survivors include one son, Michael Harris of Glen Carbon; one daughter, Marie Harris of Glen Carbon; one son, James R. Harris Sr. and Georgia (Jurnee) Harris of Glen Carbon; two brothers, Buddy Harris of Granite City and Jackie Harris of Pensacola, Fla.; three sisters, Joanne Curry of Edwardsville, Brenda Kerley of St. Jacob and Jeff Lennox of Collinsville; and one granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville. Burial was in Glen Carbon City Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Rosa Jones

Rosa A. (Asadorian) Jones, 77, of Granite City, formerly of Florida, died Sunday, March 17, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a five-month illness.

Born May 21, 1918, in Granite City, she had been a resident for most of her life, she was a resident of Florida for 30 years.

Mrs. Jones was a sales clerk with the Pettit Shop, a woman's store, for 18 years.

Survivors include one son, Donald Phillips of Granite City; one daughter, Adrian Wrenski of Collinsville; two brothers, Edward Asadorian of Granite City and Gregory Asadorian of Edwardsville; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Asadorian Phillips, who died in 1970; her second husband, Lowell Perry "Bud" Jones, who died in 1985; and her parents, Jacob and Mary (Arzroun) Asadorian.

Visitation is from 8 to 7:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3900 Mayvane Road in Granite City, where services are at 7:30 p.m. today with the Rev. Vartan Kasabian officiating.

Memorials are requested for St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church in Granite City.

Clyde Sweitzer

Clyde A. Sweitzer, 70, of Anabel, Mo., died at 10:05 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 1996, at his residence. He was born Jan. 29, 1926, in Cobden, Ill., and had been a resident of Anabel for eight years.

A self-employed owner of C. A. Sweitzer Excavating and Trucking in Anabel prior to his retirement, he was a World War II Army veteran, earning the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals, as well as several others.

Mr. Sweitzer was a German prisoner of war for eight months.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Loretta (Dienke) Sweitzer, whom he married June 29, 1946; five sons, Ronald Sweitzer of Madison, Charles Sweitzer of San Diego, Kenneth Ray Sweitzer of Hollywood Heights, Larry Sweitzer of Louisville, Ky., and Jack Sweitzer of Anabel; three daughters, Loretta King of Ingleside, Texas, Diana Sweitzer of Centralia and Linda Vance of Collinsville; one brother, Glenn Sweitzer of Anna; two sisters, Mildred of California and Edith of Arizona; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, who died in infancy; his parents, Charles and Mary (Stegle) Sweitzer; one brother; and one sister.

Services were Monday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County. Arrangements were handled by Herck Funeral Home in Collinsville.

Vera Sage

Vera E. (Stephanos) Sage, 70, of Granite City, died Monday, March 18, 1996, at her residence. She was born June 30, 1925, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

Co-owner and founder of the Weather Vane, she was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Susan Belleville and Jennifer Sage and Rebecca Krieger, both of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Sage, whom she married on April 30, 1949, and who died Dec. 20, 1988; her parents, James and Alma (Clark) Stephanos; and one sister, Dorothy Stephanos.

Mrs. Sage's remains will be cremated.

No visitation is scheduled.

A private burial service will be held Friday in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 N. Main Street in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating.

Memorials are requested for St. John United Church of Christ.

Albin Misukonis

Albin Misukonis, 78, of Madison died at 12:17 a.m. Monday, March 18, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a three-year illness. He was born March 1, 1920, in Madison, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A painter with the Painters' Local for many years, he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison and an Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Joseph Misukonis of League City, Texas; four daughters, Linda Misukonis of Washington, Rosemary Lehman of Indianapolis and Kathleen and Beverly Misukonis, both of Dallas; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dave Misukonis; and his parents, Steve and Anna (Wojtowicz) Misukonis.

No services will be held. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Urban League sponsors trip

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is sponsoring its Third Annual Summer Sojourn, exploring the rich history of African-Americans.

This year's participants will experience the actual pathway to freedom for runaway slaves through the Underground Railroad.

Actual "terminals" in Detroit and Ontario, Canada, will be visited on Aug. 2-4.

The Underground Railroad was actually not a "railroad," instead, it was a network of anti-slavery sympathizers who worked together to aid fugitive slaves in seeking emancipation.

On Aug. 2, participants will visit Second Baptist Church in Detroit, which served as a leading Underground Railroad terminal.

On Saturday, participants will tour a black historical museum and visit a homestead of former slaves, recreating slaves' experiences as they journeyed toward freedom.

The cost is \$350, based on double occupancy. Single room family rates are also available.

For more information, call the Urban League at (314) 289-0361.

Van Puryear

Van Allen Puryear, P.E., 71, of Granite City died Sunday, March 17, 1996. He had been a resident of Granite City since 1948.

Employed with AVSOM prior to his retirement in 1990, he was the founder of Puryear and Associates, Inc., where alternative energy inventions were developed. He served on the Board of Directors of the former Environmental Property Assessments Inc.

Mr. Puryear was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City and active in the Toastmasters, Aired Temple of St. Louis and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Orchestra, where he was the second chair saxophonist.

Survivors include five sons, Walter and Furyear, both of Granite City; and three daughters, Jennifer Puryear and Dennis, Michael and Jeffrey Puryear, all of St. Louis; one brother, Ronald Puryear of St. Louis; one sister, Mary Croxton of Edinville, Ky.; and Yvonne Ross of Smithfield, Ky.; and his fiancée, Agnes Lowallen of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Celeste Puryear; and his parents, Allen and Cerna Puryear.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3900 Mayvane Road in Granite City, where service time is pending Thursday.

J. Bloodworth

Jennie E. (Chancey) Bloodworth, 85,

Abuse

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nace was not working.

Holmes has not complained of police brutality. But she and her sister, Sara Campbell, said that Holmes was arrested unjustly and her husband Jim, who recently had a heart attack, was treated badly.

Campbell said the Holmes' provided space heaters for the apartment while awaiting repairs.

Police said the space heaters were broken, smoking and setting off smoke detectors in the apartment and not effective in warming the apartment.

"She doesn't feel like she should have been arrested. That's for the courts to decide," Ruebhausen said.

Holmes is also awaiting trial on 15 felony counts relating to the illegal possession of mobile home titles in an unrelated incident in Ponton Beach.

One of the signs carried by picketers stated that the *Granite City Journal* refused to run a paid advertisement about alleged police abuse.

Larry Johnson, general manager for the Illinois Suburban Journals, last week refused to accept the ad from Holmes.

"It was in bad taste and we, as a community newspaper, have no place for that sort of thing," Johnson said.

Many of the protesters came from out of town - some as far away as Chicago.

One of the demonstrators Saturday later apologized to police for participating in the protest. The man said he needed money and that Elaine Holmes paid him to participate, according to a police report.

Why do you like Granite City?

The Granite City Press-Record/Journal will be publishing a special Centennial issue this year commemorating the city's 100th birthday.

In that issue, we plan to feature many of the highlights of the city's past and look at some of its future goals.

We also plan to shine the spotlight on as many of the city's residents as possible. That's why we're asking readers to submit essays to us with the theme, "Why I like Granite City." Essays should be typed or legibly hand-written and include the name, address and telephone number of the author.

Essays should be sent to: "I like GC," Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. Essays should be received by April 12.

Country Cousins craft show set

The Country Cousins will present the New Collinsville Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24, at the Fair Hall, 1234 Vandallia in Collinsville.

Crafts featured include wood items, angels, ceramics, baby quilts, pillows, floral arrangements, wall hangings, Easter items, etc.

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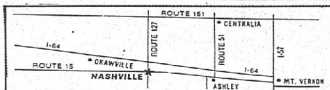


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Warriors aim for sparkling conference play

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors will try to keep their string of fine Southwestern Conference play intact this year, as Gus Lignoul begins his third season as head baseball coach.

The Warriors finished 17-16 last year, but were a sparkling 7-3 in the conference. Lignoul and his staff are 15-5 over the last two years in the conference.

Granite City played for a share of the conference championship last season but lost to Belleville East in the conference finale.

"We lost our top two pitchers, so we were forced to throw our Nos. 3 and 4 pitchers in conference games, specifically Billy Niepert and Mike Ahlvers," Lignoul said.

"As far as our conference was concerned, we played very

well. When you're throwing your 3 and 4 pitcher in the conference games, then your Nos. 5 and 6 — as well as the centerfielder and the second baseman — are throwing in nonconference games. That's where we got beat up."

"But our philosophy is that conference games and the state tournament are the two main things we prepare ourselves for."

And once again, those goals will remain the same. No doubt, the Warriors play in a tough conference.

With the likes of Collinsville, as well as the Belleville schools and even Alton, the Warriors will be hard-pressed to win the conference crown. Then next year, the Warriors will go to a 14-game conference schedule, as Edwardsville and Lincoln each

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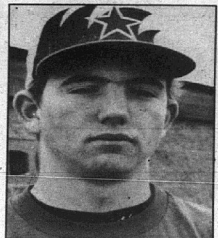
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As far as pitching goes, the Warriors should be in good shape. Granite City has only six seniors on the varsity team, but three of them are pitchers.

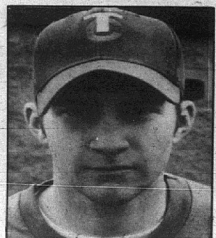
"Some kids got the opportunity to pitch in games last year, and that should help us this year," Lignoul said. "We'll be counting on those three senior pitchers — Jeremy Hoback, Niepert and Justin Bettorf."

Bettorf, who threw a one-hitter against CBC last year, and the junior Ahlvers (Warriors' ERA leader last year) are both southpaws. Meanwhile, Hoback and Niepert are right-handers. Dustin Brewer, another righty, is a sophomore with a blazing fastball.

"Those are five good high school pitchers," Lignoul said. "I feel pretty good about our pitching staff. We have experience, and a couple good left-handers. And we've been looking for another pitch from Brewer, but in last Friday's intrasquad game, he threw a good curve ball; so that was nice to see."



Justin Bettorf



Jeremy Hoback



Billy Niepert

Other pitchers who will see plenty of time on the mound include Chris Fiala, Dave Whittington and Bryan Johnson — all right-handers.

The regular lineup is not completely set at this time, but some parts are intact. When the top-line pitchers aren't pitching, they'll likely see time in the outfield.

The other senior in the outfield will be Jay Simpson, who may see time at all three out-

field positions. The Warriors appear solid in the infield. Brian Lloyd, a three-year letterman, will start at third; with Kyle Briggs at short; Lloyd may lead off or bat in the middle of the lineup, and Briggs is expected to provide some of the Warriors' power at the plate.

Eric Edwards is set to start at second, but junior Kevin Harris will see plenty of time there as well.

First base will be manned mostly by senior Brad Ervay, who gained good experience there last year. Junior Ryan Relleke will see time at first base but is also penciled in as the Warriors' designated hitter.

That brings us to catching, a position where Granite City has always had fine players. Looking down that list, Roger Coakley, Daren DePew and (See BASEBALL, Page 3B)

Strong finishes in track opener

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

If the Warriors' first track test of the season is any indication, it could be a productive year.

In a tough, 30-team field, the Warriors had several strong finishes in the Southern Illinois at Carbondale Indoor Invitational on March 2.

Warrior coach Gene Briggs said recently that he thought his strong suits may be in the sprints and middle distances, and that is where the Warriors excelled at their first meet.

On the girls' side, Nichole Done placed fourth overall in the mile run (1600 meters), with a time of 5:44. Done also placed eighth in the 800 meters, with a time of 2:39.

"She's one of the outstanding distance runners in the area," Briggs said. "As a senior, it's the last year for her, so we're expecting great things from her. Two top-10 finishes is a great start for her in the first meet of the year."

Heather Mell placed 12th in the 2-mile (3200-meter) event, with a time of 14:50; and the ladies' 4x200 relay team turned in a nice 1:59 time to place 12th overall.

The 4x200 team consists of Becky Bargiel, Christina Clutts, Christina Short and Amanda Ragan.

In another note on the girls' team, state placer Stephanie Brandt did not place at Carbondale but Briggs said her health is good going into the track season.

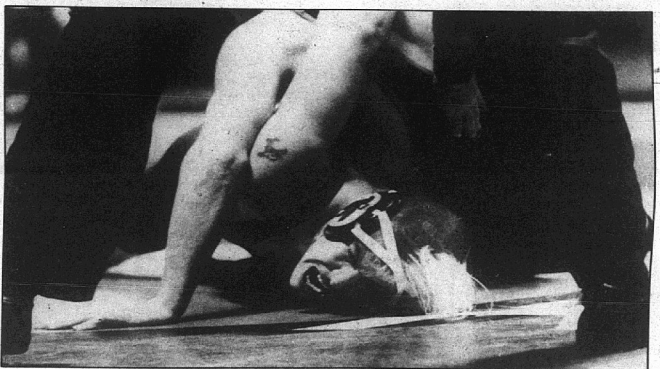
Brandt has experienced injury problems before in her prep career, but Briggs said she did not have any problems last year, and he hopes that continues.

"We've taken an aggressive approach with the team's health problems," said Briggs. "So far, we're in very good shape in that regard."

ON THE BOYS' TEAM, two teams placed tenth overall, but with outstanding times that put them just a couple of seconds off the winning marks.

The 4x200 relay team of Matt Hartin, Larry Wiegard, Shane Brown and Curtis Howard turned in a mark of 1:40, a "good, competitive time" according to Briggs.

Also, the 4x800 team placed tenth, with a time of 9:30. That team is made up of Kelly Huckelberry, Jeff Hassell, Aaron Hayward, and return to O'Fallon High School, with the addition of double-mini trampolines. Gymnastics will



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Jeff Estrada, graduating this year, enjoyed a good season.

Let the games begin

Prairie State Games officials preparing for 13th year

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Here's a sure sign that spring is just around the corner — application booklets were recently mailed for the 1996 Prairie State Games.

The 13th annual festival — which divides Illinois into eight regions for Olympic-style competition in various sports — will be held June 28-30 at several sites throughout the Metro-East. The games were held for 10 years in Champaign-Urbana and one year in Peoria before moving to southwestern Illinois in 1995.

"In last year's games, we had 5,300 participants, including athletes, volunteers and officials," said Bob Emig, PSG director of sports and competition. "We hope to increase that number to 6,000 this year with the inclusion of new sports and opening some sports up to younger kids. We also want to increase the numbers in our regional competitions held throughout the state and we have a good head start on that."

With PSG headquarters located in Fairview Heights, having the games in the Metro East has made life easier for Emig and co-executive directors Mike and Maureen Moore.

"I wasn't named to this position until December of '94, so I'm way ahead of last year," Emig said. "With the experience of having the games here last year, it's made things easier as far as obtaining teams, personnel and venues."

"We're as pleased to be here as we were last year," Mike Moore said. "Our national sponsors have stuck with us, even through an Olympic year when there's a lot of competition for the corporate dollar. We've had a great community response from the southwestern Illinois area."

Among the new sports is ice hockey, which will be held June 29-30 at East Alton Ice Arena. There will be two age divisions — Bantam A boys and Mite A boys — with six to each team in each division. The state chairman for hockey is Fairview Heights city councilman Steve Hemmer. Figure skating, which was not offered in the 1995 games, will return and will also be held in East Alton.

Tumbling and trampolines competition will return to O'Fallon High School, with the addition of double-mini trampolines. Gymnastics will

be moved to World Class Gymnastic Center in Fairview Heights.

"We've added the Volleyfest at Belleville West, with Charles Rodman (West's head volleyball coach) running the venue," Emig said. "There will be junior high and freshman-sophomore divisions with eight teams per division. We've also added a junior high division for track."

"Matt Schmitt (assistant director of sports and competition) is in charge of Hoops Fest, which had nearly 100 teams in the junior high and high school divisions last year. We expect as many teams this year, if not more."

As in the past, the Southern Region (which includes the Metro East) is expected to do especially well in the PSG finals in soccer, volleyball and basketball.

"We'll have some new coaches in basketball," Emig said. "Dennis Rueter (head boys coach at Gibault High School) will be back with the scholastic men, but Ron Awsumb (assistant men's coach at McKendree College) will switch from open women to open men. Ron is still lining up coaches for the open women's and scholastic women's teams."

"We'll have two basketball courts this year at the Vandalia-bene Center (at SIU-Edwardsville) scholastic divisions. The open men will be in the varsity teams at BAC (Belleville Area College) and the open women will play in BAC's intramural gym. All the first-place games will be at SIUE and the third-place games will be at BAC's varsity gym."

Jack Margenthaler, head's men coach at SIUE, is state chairman for basketball. Other local state chairmen are:

— Jack and Diana Hoffarth (owners of Town Hall Archery in Belleville) for archery.

— Neil Fiala (head coach at BAC) for baseball.

— Dale Lenz (from Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville) for bowling.

— Pat Hayes (assistant coach at Althoff High School) for seven-on-seven football.

— Vic Maden (president of the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club) for Soccer Fest.

— Bob Rietle of Edwardsville for swimming.

— Bob Keefe (girls coach at Belleville West)

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Excess weight

Wrestlers end great season on sour note

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Eleven hours before the Granite City Warriors' first match in the state dual team quarterfinals, everyone on the team — with just an exception or two — was at weight.

Assuming about eight of those hours were spent sleeping, it left little time for some of the wrestlers to mess things up. But that's exactly what happened.

And it's no wonder the Warriors couldn't defeat Chicago Mt. Carmel, after six Warriors spent the 45 minutes before the match running off their excess weight.

The biggest shame is that one bad day cast a cloud over what was a great year of wrestling at GCIS. Even though it was just one day, it was the

most important day of the year.

"Anything that could have gone wrong did that day," said Warrior coach Mike Garland. "Mostly, it was the running that took their extra energy, and nullified the conditioning, which is such a big part of what we teach."

"It's disappointing, because it was really a very easy tournament," said Bob Emig, PSG director of sports and competition. "In mid-March we'll have a massive mailing to all high school coaches in the area, as well as athletic directors at colleges and universities. We'll also be sending information to sports clubs and people in individual sports like weightlifting. We'll have 7,000 pieces of mail going out of this office."

"Really, all that day determined was that we were not the best dual team in the state," said Garland. "We did (See WEIGHT, Page 3B)

Games publicity blitz underway

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Prairie State Games publicity blitz is under way.

"We've already mailed application booklets to anyone who participated in our festival last year, and to anyone who participated and tried out for the final," said Bob Emig, PSG director of sports and competition. "In mid-March we'll have a massive mailing to all high school coaches in the area, as well as athletic directors at colleges and universities. We'll also be sending information to sports clubs and people in individual sports like weightlifting. We'll have 7,000 pieces of mail going out of this office."

"In addition, (assistant director of sports and competition) Matt Schmitt and I went to the (high school) state state individual wrestling tournament and got good feedback from the coaches. We had representatives at the gymnastics state meet and the boys swimming and diving state finals and we'll be going to the boys and girls state track finals."

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THE GAMES — slated for June 28-30 — have been played in the Metro East. Response from local schools and businesses has been outstanding, according to co-executive director Mike Moore.

(On June 29 at Longview Park (in Fairview Heights), we'll be hosting the first annual Corporate Games, a competition for sponsors." Moore said. "It's sponsored by Illinois Distributing and we'll be inviting businesses from both sides of the river."

"Bruce Holland (from Holland-Hinrichs Construction) is on our board of governors and he's recruiting teams for the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council. (Fairview Heights city councilman) Scott Rich and his wife Libby are the operations directors. We'll have canoe races, basketball, tennis and volleyball, and finish up with dinner and drinks."

"OUR MEDIA PARTNERS INCLUDE KTVI (the Fox television network in St. Louis) and Cablevision. KTVI will provide coverage of the opening ceremony and torch relays and Continental will air public service announcements on ESPN, HBO and CNN, as well as locally. The city of Fairview Heights and Belleville Area College have done a lot for us."

Ron Finnman, from Belleville Orthopedic Surgeons, will again head up the PSG medical staff and is bringing in members of the Illinois Trainers Association. Meditehab Inc. (Fairview Heights, Edwardsville) is also helping out.

Other local sponsors include Memorial Hospital, Jack Schmitt Family of Dealerships, Southwestern Illinois Tourism, Illinois Electric Tourism, First Financial Bank, Magna Bank, Marsh Stencil, Casino Queen, Consolidated Communications and the Bank of Edwardsville.

Prep basketball

BASKETBALL
CLASS AA BOYS
Collinsville Sectional

Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Collinsville 93, East Alton-Wood River 47
Game 2: Granite City 77, Jacksonville 56
Game 3: East St. Louis Lincoln 80, Belleville West 61
Game 4: Edwardsville 49, Waterloo 41

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Belleville East 107, Bethalto Civic Memorial 55
Game 6: Jerseyville 66, Cahokia 54
Game 7: Alton 78, East St. Louis 59
Game 8: Taylorville 62, Chatham Glenwood 54

Friday, March 1
Game 9: Collinsville 61, Granite City 46
Game 10: Edwardsville 93, East St. Louis 56
Game 11: Belleville East 61, Jerseyville 47
Game 12: Alton 59, Taylorville 52

Tuesday, March 5
at SIUE
Game 13: Edwardsville 52, Collinsville 47 (OT)
Wednesday, March 6
Game 14: Belleville East 70, Alton 65 (OT)

Friday, March 8
Title: Belleville East 50, Edwardsville 41

Salem Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Centralia (bye)
Game 2: Triad 56, Marion 46
Game 3: Carbondale 103, Murphysboro 53
Game 4: Paris 65, Charleston 51

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Highland 78, Mattoon 54
Game 6: Mount Carmel 63, Effingham 58
Game 7: Mascoutah 72, O'Fallon 57
Game 8: Mount Vernon 66, Salem 54

Friday, March 1
Game 9: Triad 78, Centralia 74 (OT)
Game 10: Carbondale 80, Paris 67
Game 11: Highland 86, Mount Carmel 57
Game 12: Mascoutah 62, Mount Vernon 61

Tuesday, March 5
at Salem
Game 13: Triad 73, Carbondale 62

Wednesday, March 6
Game 14: Highland 73, Mascoutah 59

Friday, March 8

Title: Highland 67, Triad 50

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 12
Belleville East 57, Highland 50

State tournament
Friday, March 15
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center

Game 1: Peoria Manual 60, Hinsdale Central 53
Game 2: Winnetka New Trier 70, Belleville East 58

Game 3: Harvey Thornton 51, Rock Island 34
Game 4: Chicago Westinghouse 42, Hoffman Estates 41

Saturday, March 16
Game 5: Peoria Manual 53, Winnetka New Trier 41
Game 6: Harvey Thornton 69, Chicago Westinghouse 54

Third place: Chicago Westinghouse 60, Winnetka New Trier 58
State championship: Peoria Manual 57, Harvey Thornton 51

CLASS A BOYS
Marissa Regional
Monday, Feb. 19

Game 1: New Athens 65, Red Bud 42
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 2: Gibault 62, Marissa 33
Game 3: Sparta 77, Valmeyer 60

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Game 4: Columbia 88, New Athens 58

Thursday, Feb. 22
Game 5: Sparta 56, Gibault 45
Title: Columbia 54, Sparta 52

Benton Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Breese Mater Dei 64, Webber Township 62

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 2: Pinckneyville 69, Columbia 64
Friday, March 1
Championship: Breese Mater Dei 42, Pinckneyville 34

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 5
Breese Mater Dei 51, Pope County 41

Bunker Hill Regional
Monday, Feb. 19
Game 1: Greenville 79, Metro East Lutheran 59

Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 2: Alton Marquette 86, Livingston 16
Game 3: Roxana 69, Staunton 68

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Game 4: Greenville 40, Bunker Hill 39

Thursday, Feb. 22
Game 5: Roxana 62, Alton Marquette 55
Friday, Feb. 23
Title: Greenville 45, Roxana 44

Freeburg Regional
Monday, Feb. 19

Game 1: Freeburg 76, Lovejoy 68
Game 2: Althoff 75, Lebanon 67
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 3: Westview 52, Dupu 41

Game 4: Madison 65, Venice 56
Wednesday, Feb. 21
Game 5: Freeburg 59, Althoff 54 (OT)

Thursday, Feb. 22
Game 6: Madison 69, Westview 56
Friday, Feb. 23
Title: Freeburg 66, Madison 61

Vandalia Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 28
Game 1: Freeburg 60, Greenville 54

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 2: Farina South Central 59, Raymond Lincolnwood 54 (OT)

Friday, March 1
Championship: Freeburg 79, Farina South Central 55

Charleston Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 5
Lawrenceville 74, Freeburg 68 (OT)

State tournament
Friday, March 8
at Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center

Game 1: Shelbyville 53, Mendota 52
Game 2: Rock Island Alleman 61, Macomb 43

Game 3: Breese Mater Dei 73, Lawrenceville 58
Game 4: Paxton-Buckley-Loda 65, Chicago Providence-St. Mel 64 (OT)

Saturday, March 9
Game 5: Shelbyville 59, Rock Island Alleman 46
Game 6: Breese Mater Dei 55, Paxton-Buckley-Loda 51 (OT)

Third place: Rock Island Alleman 58, Paxton-Buckley-Loda 41
State championship: Shelbyville 58, Breese Mater Dei 45

CLASS AA GIRLS
Collinsville Sectional
Monday, Feb. 12

Game 1: Belleville East 90, Cahokia 37
Game 2: Jacksonville 67, Chatham Glenwood 58

Game 3: O'Fallon 61, East St. Louis 54
Game 4: Edwardsville 70, Civic Memorial 51

Tuesday, Feb. 13
Game 5: Jerseyville 69, Wood River 26

Game 6: Belleville West 61, East St. Louis Lincoln 55 (OT)
Game 7: Taylorville 52, Alton 37
Game 8: Collinsville 59, Granite City 39

Thursday, Feb. 15
Game 9: Belleville East 66, Jacksonville 39

Game 10: O'Fallon 51, Edwardsville 34

Game 11: Jerseyville 57, Belleville West 41

Game 12: Taylorville 74, Collinsville 47

Monday, Feb. 19
at Collinsville High School
Game 13: O'Fallon 57, Belleville East 46

Game 14: Jerseyville 56, Taylorville 54

Thursday, Feb. 22
Title: Jerseyville 51, O'Fallon 36

Centralia Sectional
Monday, Feb. 12

Game 1: Paris (I), bye
Game 2: Mascoutah 29, Waterloo 27

Game 3: Mount Vernon 80, Marion 38
Game 4: Mattoon 61, Salem 47

Tuesday, Feb. 13
Game 5: Centralia 80, Murphysboro 25

Game 6: Mount Carmel 61, Carbondale 51
Game 7: Highland 53, Triad 47

Game 8: Charleston 61, Effingham 37

Thursday, Feb. 15
Game 9: Paris 72, Mascoutah 39
Game 10: Mount Vernon 54, Mattoon 43

Game 11: Centralia 70, Mount Carmel 43
Game 12: Highland 66, Charleston 42

Monday, Feb. 19
at Centralia High School
Game 13: Paris 74, Mount Vernon 51

Game 14: Centralia 69, Highland 49
Title: Paris 51, Centralia 41

Salem Super-sectional
Monday, Feb. 26
Paris 56, Jerseyville 55

State tournament
Friday, March 1
At Redbird Arena

Game 1: Galesburg 59, Normal West 54
Game 2: Lincolnshire Stevenson 60, Paris 53

Game 3: Elgin 61, Chicago Marshall 52

Game 4: Morris 45, Lyons 43
Saturday, March 2
Game 5: Stevenson 71, Galesburg 54

Game 6: Elgin 53, Morris 41
Third place: Galesburg 79, Morris 48

State championship: Stevenson 50, Elgin 35

CLASS A GIRLS
Carlyle Regional
Monday, Feb. 12

Game 1: Sandoval 59, Wesclin 44
Game 2: Breese Central 105, Lebanon 38

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Game 3: Carlyle 72, Sandoval 48
Game 4: Breese Mater Dei 59, Breese Central 28

Thursday, Feb. 15
Title: Carlyle 41, Breese Mater Dei 38

Chester Regional
Monday, Feb. 12
Game 1: Chester 48, Freeburg 30

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Cardinals. Team of the Week

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The North Junior High 7th grade volleyball team went undefeated this season and captured the Madison County Junior High School Conference title. The Lady T-Birds, the Cardinal Club Team of the Week, finished the year 14-0. Team members include (front row from left) Kristine Hunsinger, Cara Trice, Lindsay Kusnierczak; middle row, Sarah Weiss, Erin Heth, Kristin Hulse, Vanessa Edmundson; back row, Deanne Trost, assistant coach Bobbi Burg, Tasha Paskero, coach Bill Burg, Jaime Melm, Falon Wrigley.

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Sports shorts

Pontoon Khoury League
The Pontoon Beach Khoury League Inc. will be holding sign-ups for its T-Ball, baseball and softball leagues. The sign-ups will be taken at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111, during March. Sign-ups will be held each Wednesday and Thursday of the month. Interested parties should bring a birth certificate and a photograph. Umpires are also needed this year. For more information, call Ida at 797-5477, Tracy at 931-1291 or Cheryl at 683-6705.

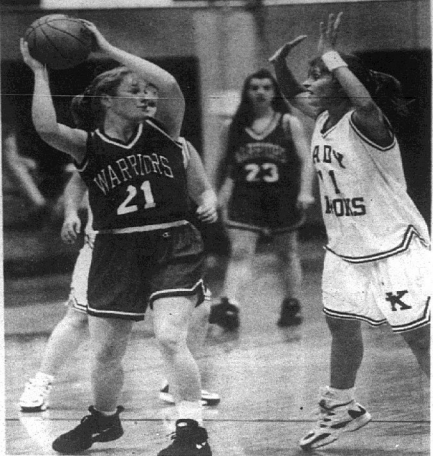
Madison Khoury League
The Madison Khoury League is moving into its final round of registration sign-ups for the 1996 season. All boys and girls aged 6-14 interested in playing baseball this year will sign up at the Madison Recreation Center, at 7th and Lee Streets, on these dates:
Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; and Thursday, March 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$30, and all youths must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of registration.

For more information, call Joe Garcia at 879-5735 or Scott Odum at 877-8329.

Weight

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prove we were the best tournament team in the state and we'll get an award for that."
"And we had outscored three of the four teams earlier in the year in tournaments. We beat the winning school, Moline, by over 100 points. At the dual team tournament, it's the average kids that determine the outcome, and running hurt our average kids."
Garland, who completed his ninth year at the Warrior helm, said he and the rest of the coaching staff knew going into the year that the two things which could prove costly was the seniors' maturity and mental toughness.
"We knew that would be our downfall," he said. "It snuck up and bit us. We were the only thing that could beat us, and that's exactly what happened."
Garland said he feels bad for the group of seniors who won't get another chance to win as a team.
"Individually, I can't remember having two state champs in two years; and if



(Staff photo by MARK BONEBRAKE)
Granite City's Carrie Simpson looks to evade Kahok Crystal Tarr during the sectionals.

(Chris) Janek doesn't make a mistake in the finals maybe we have three. When you look back over the last four years, we only lost four dual meets. We should have gone to the dual team tournament three times.

"We won every regional, every sectional and every conference championship. It would have been super to go out as state champions. As coach, I'll hopefully get other chances to go to state, but these guys won't get that chance."

Garland said he hopes younger wrestlers in the program learn from this year's mistakes; and also from the positives. The big positive was John Venne, who came from nowhere to win the 160-pound state championship. Venne was never in the regular-season rankings, but wrestled a perfect tournament.

"After last year, I told John the one thing he needed to do was build up his strength," said he did that. He did what he had to do, and performed flawlessly in the state tournament."

Also graduating will be state place winners Janek and Bobby Chausset, as well as fellow seniors Jeff Estrada, Kevin Feigenbutz, Jason Wilson, Joe Scott and John Sellers.
"I'm proud of the coaching staff, and I'm proud of the kids," Garland said, "but when it came down to the most important day of the year, the kids failed to grasp the situation."

Certainly, the Warrior tradition will continue. This year's junior varsity squad went 17-1, and won three major JV tournaments in the area this year. The Warrior freshman team also won a pair of tournaments. Add in the talent coming in from the junior high programs, and there appear to be many good years ahead for Granite City.

"These guys did a lot for our program," Garland concluded. "We were ranked No. 1 in the state the last two years, and it gave us a lot of positive publicity. They did a lot for the school and the community. Hopefully, this will open up opportunities for all the kids."

mix; and Rocky Smith, an outfielder-pitcher, will see time at varsity as well.

The Warriors play their first seven contests at home, and don't play on the road until April 9. GCHS opens for the third consecutive year, against East Moline at Varsity Field.

The Warriors have enjoyed East Moline's visits, going 4-0 over the last two seasons' doubleheader openers.

"We have an advantage over them; I guess because they're so far north that we have a chance to get outside much more than they do," said Lignoul. "But they'll be well-coached, and we'll have to play well. Most games at the high school level are lost, not won. As long as we give teams no more than three outs per inning this year, I think we'll be OK. When you start giving more than that, they start putting up crooked numbers on the board."

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Track

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George Haldeman.
"Considering that team is made up of three freshmen (Howard, Haldeman, Hassell), we're very pleased with that time," Briggs said.
"Also on the boys' side, sophomore Dane Bauer ran well enough to make it to the finals of the 55-meter hurdles, and Brown also placed 12th in the 400 meters."

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Scores

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Game 2: Gibault 51, Campbell Hill Trico 33
Wednesday, Feb. 14
Game 3: Alholf 68, Chester 38
Game 4: Red Bud 53, Gibault 46
Friday, Feb. 16
Title: Alholf 45, Red Bud 40

Sparta Sectional
Friday, Feb. 16
Game 1: Carlyle 88, Nashville 56
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 2: Alholf 61, West Frankfort 39
Thursday, Feb. 22
Championship: Carlyle 54, Alholf 50

West Frankfort Super-Sectional
Monday, Feb. 26
Carlyle 95, Fairfield 57

Roxana Regional
Monday, Feb. 12
Game 1: Metro East Lutheran 49, Duplo 32
Game 2: Columbia 61, Madison 47

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Game 3: Alton Marquette 56, Metro East Lutheran 41
Thursday, Feb. 15
Title: Alton Marquette 44, Roxana 30

Carrollton Sectional
Monday, Feb. 19
Game 1: Carrollton 59, Gillespie 34
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 2: Alton Marquette 76, Litchfield 70

Thursday, Feb. 22
Championship: Carrollton 61, Alton Marquette 35

Carlinville Super-Sectional
Monday, Feb. 26
Carrollton 55, Concord Triopia 42

State tournament

Thursday, Feb. 29

At Redbird Arena

Normal

Game 1: Byron 48, Carrollton 36

Game 2: Carthage 66, Timothy Christian 56

Game 3: Dunlap 67, Pana 66 (OT)

Game 4: Carlyle 76, Seneca 53

Friday, March 1

Game 5: Carthage 47, Byron 36

Game 6: Carlyle 88, Dunlap 50

Saturday, March 2

Third place: Dunlap 45, Byron 43

State championship: Carlyle 86, Carthage 50

CLASS AA WRESTLING

Granite City Sectional

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Meet 1: Granite City 34, Civic Memorial 21

Meet 2: Chatham Glenwood 48, Murphysboro 23

Title: Granite City 46, Chatham Glenwood 19

State tournament

Saturday, Feb. 24

At Redbird Arena

Normal

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Meet 2: Moline 30, Lyons Township 20

Meet 3: Chicago Mount Carmel 29, Granite City 26

Meet 4: Hoffman Estates Conant 54, Chicago Lane Tech 4

Meet 5: Moline 24, New Lenox Providence 22

Game 6: Hoffman Estates Conant 27, Chicago Mount Carmel 21

Third place: New Lenox Providence 26, Chicago Mount Carmel 23

State championship: Moline 30, Hoffman Estates Conant 29

Briefly

Park District tourney

The Granite City Park District will hold a basketball tournament March 29-30 for boys in grades 6-8 and girls in grades 7-8.

The entry fee for teams is \$90, and the deadline for registration is March 22. For information on girls teams, call Joe Wallace at 876-3878 (day) or 451-0983 (evening). For information regarding boys teams, call Kelly Hogan at 931-6538.

Park District leagues

The Granite City Park District is now accepting entry fees for all T-ball, youth baseball, ponyball softball and all adult softball programs.

Player and team registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office. The Park District also needs volunteer coaches for all youth programs.

The Park District will make every effort to find a team for any child wanting to play baseball or softball this year.

Games

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— Fred Rakers (head coach at Mater Dei High School) for volleyball.

— Larry Kristoff (SIUE head coach) for wrestling. Norm Dahm, head coach at Belleville East, is the Southern co-chairman.

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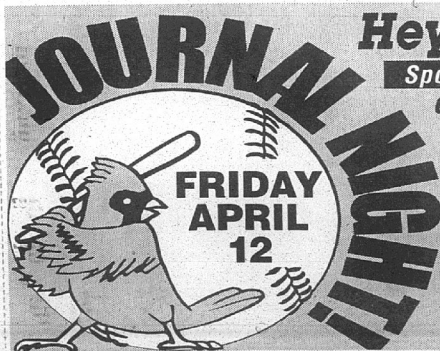
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Individual Retirement Account can offset tax liability

One of the remaining ways of offsetting your tax liability is contributing to an Individual Retirement Account.

The rules for establishing an IRA, contributing to it and taking deductions for these contributions are fairly straightforward.

Anyone having earned income and being under age 70½ may establish an IRA. The maximum allowable contribution to an IRA is 100 percent of earned income as long as it does not exceed \$2,000. To establish an IRA for your spouse, provided he or she does not have earned income or gives consent to being treated as having no earned income for IRA purposes.

Brian Mulhall



The maximum that can be contributed to the spousal and nonspousal IRAs is \$2,250. This does not have to be split equally between the two IRAs.

The other consideration we should look at is deductibility. It is entirely possible that contributions may not be deductible. To make sure yours is, an understanding of two rules is necessary.

If you are married and either you or your spouse is an active participant in a qualified retirement plan and your adjusted gross income is under \$40,000, you may deduct your entire IRA contribution up to the \$2,000 maximum; if your AGI is over \$40,000, the \$2,000 maximum is reduced by \$1 for every \$5 by which AGI exceeds \$40,000. If your AGI reaches \$50,000, no part of your contribution is deductible. If you are single and an active participant in your employer-sponsored retirement plan, the same formula applies except that your IRA deduction is phased out from \$25,000 to \$35,000 (rather than \$40,000 to \$50,000) of AGI.

An active participant is defined as anyone

participating in a qualified retirement plan. This includes tax-sheltered annuity plans, SEPs and governmental plans and also defined contribution and defined benefit plans.

There are various definitions of what is an active participant within each type of plan. In defined benefit plans, if you meet the eligibility requirements, you are an active participant. In a profit-sharing plan, if you receive an employer contribution or a forfeiture during your taxable year, you are considered an active participant.

Lastly, in a 401(k), if you make an elective contribution, you will be considered an active participant for IRA deduction purposes. However, if you are eligible but choose not to make a contribution, you will not be considered an active participant.

If you are married and file a joint return, both you and your spouse are treated as active participants if either of you is an active participant in a qualified plan.

This will affect the amount that each of you may contribute to an IRA. If you and your spouse file separate tax returns and have not

lived together for any portion of the year, the active participant status of either of you will not affect the status of the other.

Even if you are not eligible to make a deductible IRA contribution, you can make a non-deductible contribution. This would allow you to take advantage of the tax-deferred growth. When a non-deductible contribution is made, it must be designated as such on your federal income tax return.

Contributions to an IRA must be made no later than the due date of your tax return, April 15, even if you receive an extension for filing. A contribution is considered to have been made if it is received by the IRA sponsor in an envelope bearing a postmark which is not later than the due date of your tax return.

An IRA deduction may be claimed before it is made as long as the contribution is actually deposited in the IRA by the due date of your tax return.

Brian Mulhall is a partner with American Group Financial Services. His local telephone number is 682-9383.

Business briefs

Betts elected operations officer

UMB Bank of St. Louis has announced the election of Angela L. Betts of Granite City to operations officer in the deposit services department. She is responsible for coordinating the research, adjustments, chargebacks and return items of the department.

Most recently a supervisor in the same department, Betts joined UMB in 1995. She attended St. Louis University. UMB Bank of St. Louis offers a full range of financial products and services for both business and individual customers. With nearly \$750 million in assets, the company has 20 locations throughout the metropolitan St. Louis and southwestern Illinois areas.

Jamil attends seminar

Dr. Muhammad Jamil attended a medical seminar, "Clinical Controversies in Treating Depression," held March 10 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis.

The program was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Eli Lilly and Com-

pany. The program was designed to educate primary care physicians, psychiatrists and other practicing physicians regarding understanding, diagnosis and treatment of depression. New treatment risks of drug interaction were discussed in detail.

The faculty was from the University of Washington. Discussions included management of difficult cases of depression. Panelists were available to answer clinical questions from the audience. The program was attended by a large number of physicians from the bi-state area.

Jamil has offices at 10700 Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights, 403 W. St. Louis in Lebanon and 406 Madison Ave. in Madison.

Vasileff opens practice

Former Madison attorney Victoria Vasileff has opened a law practice in Bethalto at the intersection of Illinois 140 and 111.

Most recently, Vasileff spent a year with the Internal Revenue Service, and prior to that, she was a partner in the firm of Vasileff and Vasileff with

her father, Nick D. Vasileff, who retired in 1995.

Walton named top agent

Vicky Walton, a Realtor associated with Century 21 Royce Realty Inc., has been named as the top-producing agent in that office for the month of February.

Walton excelled in obtaining listings, writing contracts and closing transactions. She was also the winner of the month-long listing contest, sponsored by the office.

Walton is a member of the Granite City Board of Realtors and belongs in the Southwestern Illinois Regional Multiple Listing Service. She serves as the 1996 Easter Seals fundraising chairman for Century 21 Royce Realty Inc.

She and her husband, Hal, and their children, Christopher, Danielle and Nichelle, are lifelong residents of the Metro East area.

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Auxiliary holds officers' weekend

The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1128 motored to Shiloh to attend the state officers' weekend on Feb. 10, hosted by Shiloh Auxiliary 545.

A luncheon was attended by the following members from Granite City: Joanna Spencer, president; Ruth Jorgensen, trustee; Ann Pates, junior past president; Helen Paschedag; Martha Simpson, inside guard; Vera Johnson; Millie Weatherford, audit chairman; Evalene Ederle, trustee; Hilda Melton, decorating chairman; and Angie Buehler, conductor.

The meeting was opened by Elaine Jagla, president. Marilyn Seper, conductor, escorted the following state officers and chairmen into the meeting room: Mary Stogmar, Collinsville 1051, past state madam president; Joanna Spencer, Granite City 1128, state traveling trustee; Rita Cuoco, Alton 254, state treasurer; Pauline Bowen, state inside guard; Beverly Warfield, past state madam president; Shirley Curry, past madam president; and Theresa McWhinney, Springfield state auxiliary grand-mother.

The state chairmen were: Ruth Jorgensen, Granite City 1128, eagle education chairman; Marilyn Oyen, southern zone membership co-chairman; Shirley Curry, membership chairman; Bonnie Bauer, state kidney fund chairman; Hazel McCormick, Alton 254, golden eagle chairman; Jean Seper, Alton 254, no goose egg chairman; Elaine Jagla, Shiloh 545, state project (diabetes) chairman; Betty Mates, heart fund chairman; Kathy Dullen, Shiloh 545, alzheimer's chairman; Betty Clark, DARE chairman; Beverly Warfield, no delinquent chairman; Marilyn Royer, membership co-chairman; and Marsha Bryant of Carbondale Auxiliary 2559, membership co-chairman.

Jagla presented each with a gift. The conductor then escorted Sue McCoy, state madam president, and Carolyn Power, wife of Dave Power, state aerie president, to the altar and presented each with a corsage and a gift.

A class of three new initiates from Shiloh were initiated in

honor of Sue McCoy.

Shirley Curry presented a navy blue emblem with a white butterfly to each member who had signed up at least one member this year. They were Mary Stogmar, Kathy Dullen, Donna Jackson and Carol Soberser. These ribbons are distributed to those who merit them at state officers' weekends or at conventions.

A joint aerie and auxiliary banquet was held and awards were given. St. Clair County received \$1,000 for the DARE program, the aerie grant of \$1,000 was given to the Shiloh School from the Eagles Education Fund, a \$1,000 aerie grant was given to the O'Fallon School District, a \$2,500 aerie grant was given to the autism fund for speech and language training for people from ages 3 to 21, and a \$500 grant was given by the auxiliary golden eagle fund to the senior citizens.

The members were then entertained by the "Not For Prime Time Players," Chub and Whales" and St. Clair County Sheriff Merle Justus. A "Night at the Races" followed.

Births

Brendon Evanoff and Ann Evanoff of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Brendon Joseph was born Dec. 28, 1995, at Anderson Hospital at 6:25 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ed and Eileen Shannon of Troy. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Olga Evanoff of Granite City.

Justin Wakeford P.J. and Jeff Wakeford have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Justin Jedediah was born Dec. 29, 1995, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Liz Morrison of Granite City and P.J. Wilkinson of Edwardsville.

Paternal grandparents are Dee Dee Wakeford of Granite City and Sonny Wakeford of Edwardsville.

Justin joins Jessica, 2.

Abby Farrell Jim and Cindy Farrell of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.

Abby Danielle was born at 9:11 a.m. Feb. 26, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Marvin and Ellen Voyles of Granite City and Sharon and Don Wahlig of Ballwin, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Bonnie Garnett of DeSoto, Mo.

Abby joins Adam Jenkins, Emily Jenkins, Jamie Farrell and Kaleigh Farrell.

Cheyenna Catanzaro Carrie Catanzaro of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter.

Cheyenna Daniele was born at 5:12 a.m. March 2, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Her grandparents are Carol J. Allen and Buddy Richardson and Deborah and Gary Rich of Granite City.

Clarence Scott

Clarence and Caryl Scott of Venice have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Clarence Andrew Scott Jr. was born at 5:53 a.m. March 3, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

The mother is the former Caryl McDonald. Maternal grandparents are Harvey and Emilee McDonald of Mississippi. Paternal grandparents are Huey and Bennie Scott of Mississippi.

Clarence joins Larissa Shanda Scott and Carolyn Michelle Scott.

Samantha Weatherford

Steve and Staci Weatherford of Pontoon Beach have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Samantha Weatherford was born at 4:06 p.m. March 4, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

The mother is the former Staci Ann Theimann.

Maternal grandparents are Mike Bocher and Eva Housen, both of O'Fallon. Paternal grandparents are David and Amelia Weatherford of Glen Carbon.

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New Salem Missionary Church celebrating 79 years

New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1948 Klein St. in Venice, will be celebrating its 79th church anniversary, beginning at 7:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, and continuing nightly through Friday. The Rev. Mitchell Ford, pastor of Bond Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Alorton, will be the guest speaker.

On Thursday, March 21, the Rev. Robert Thomas of First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn will be the special guest. On Friday, March 22, the Rev. Herb Riddle, pastor of Bethel Temple in Alton, will be the speaker. At 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 24, the

Rev. Tiner will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Lonnie Calmes of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church will worship with the New Salem congregation at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The public is invited to worship with New Salem as they celebrate 79 years.

Revival set for March 27-31

Faith Chapel General Baptist Church, Springfield and Ashland in Mitchell, will hold a revival with the Rev. Jerry Grant March 27-31. Services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. A pot luck dinner will be served following the Sunday morning service. No Sunday night service will be held March 31. Also featured will be gospel singing by the Kings Messengers at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 31. There will be communion and foot washing following the gospel singing. The Rev. Bob Usher invites the public to attend.

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Today's Food

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

'All-natural' foods can put effects of creatures into a glass of fruit juice.
INSIDE

Heart-y Bites

Balmy or boisterous breezes of March are a sign gardening plans are taking a small step from the drawing board toward the kitchen counter.
INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

This week's winning bread recipe is transplanted from a California back yard with fresh lemons.
INSIDE

Private Label Test Run

The spring seafood lineup often includes canned tuna or salmon for lunch or dinner. *Journal* tasters dropped their line to haul in Shop 'n Save pink salmon this week.
INSIDE

Micro Raves

A quick breakfast can start the day with a healthy variety of grains in cereal, grits, muffins, pancakes or breads.
INSIDE

Lively Taste

The punch of seafood cocktail sauce can be controlled by mixing it at home. Combine 1 cup ketchup and 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Add up to 3 drops pepper sauce and 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish to taste. Refrigerate until serving time.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Fever, especially in the elderly, may be the only sign of serious illness. It even may lead to hospitalization. Any fever can be a warning of serious illness, but in the elderly it is worth investigation by a physician.

Fresh Picks

Cherimoya, also known as starfruit, is coming into its prime season. Pointy edges and uneven skin hide the attraction of this slightly tart fruit. Lay it on its side and start slicing for the prettiest stars this side of heaven. Buy cherimoya soft, but not bruised. Ripen it by putting it in a bag with another fruit, like an apple, that produces ethylene. It is sensitive to cold, so 50° is about as cool as it can stand. Add it to fruit salad or serve, like orange, with chicken or seafood. It looks beautiful and adds flavor to fruity drinks.

Big Fat Tip

Seafood adds variety to low-fat eating. Like any food, it does not provide an invisible shield against illness. If a person is piling in lots of other fats and oils, even polyunsaturated ones like corn and safflower oil, the positive effects of fish fat's omega-3s may be reduced. For best results, enjoy seafood with an abundance of vegetables, fruits and whole grains.

Future Shop

Moroccan cuisine is in style. Not only does the Mediterranean area attract vacationers, but it also lures home cooks to magazines and other sources of cooking inspiration. The most famous dish is couscous, kin to pasta. While North African women hand down the tradition of making it, American cooks acquaint themselves buying it in instant form by box or bag in a supermarket. This country's tastes often associate it with a bit of hot and spicy from pepper, coriander and cumin, then a little sweetness added by cinnamon and raisins or other fruit.



Rollin' in the

DOUGH

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Kurt Wait, of Redwood City, Calif., is one popular guy these days.

Not only does he bake a decadent chocolate cake with pockets of rich fudge and topping of macadamia nuts for his pals at work, but now he is a millionaire and the first man to win the Pillsbury Bake-Off.

Obviously excited and shocked at the news in Dallas, where he won Feb. 27, his immediate plans were to pay off his home mortgage, stash funds for the education of his 9-year-old son, Charles, and not quit his job.

Although he didn't become interested in cooking until he was in college, Wait likes to take off a week to cook for a Thanksgiving feast. Hamburger grilling is the only other cooking con-

test where he has seen success.

Macadamia Fudge Torte was one of "three or four" recipes he entered in this contest, but he figured it was the best of the lot.

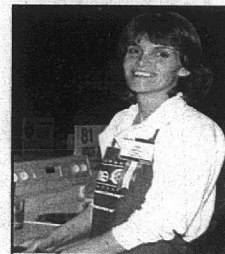
While the torte, which begins with devil's food cake mix, is rich, Wait followed advice in a low-fat cookbook to use fruit for moisture without loading up fat. He pureed canned pears in the cake, while Pillsbury home economists left a few small chunks for interest.

Joanie Taylor, director of consumer affairs for Schnuck Markets, was one of four teams of three judges.

"I learned quickly to nibble," she said.

Of the 100 finalists, she tasted the 25 finalists in the quick treats and snacks category, plus at least 25 other dishes.

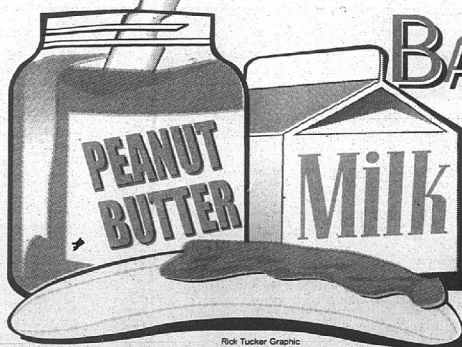
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Rick Tucker Graphic

Janice Denham Photo

Former St. Louisan Julie Harrison was a finalist in the Pillsbury Bake-Off for Taco-Seasoned Chicken Salad, a recipe typical of what her family eats after work and school.



BANANA ROLL

Frost a banana with peanut butter, then roll in a child's favorite cereal. He can help make it the night before, but it is best to dip it in diluted lemon juice if left long without its peel. Wrap it in plastic wrap and place next to a glass or carton of milk, whichever the child can handle, so it becomes part of this instant breakfast.

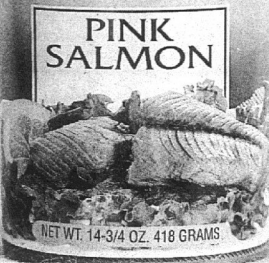
Kids' Cuisine

Rick Tucker Graphic

Today's Food

Private Label Test Run

SHOP 'n SAVE



Salmon in the can is an easy way to keep seafood handy on the shelf. Although this week's test of Shop 'n Save pink salmon was in salad, it also can be used in heated dishes, like croquettes.

Salmon big catch on 'seafood night'

Shop 'n Save canned pink salmon was on the testers' table this week.

It was made into a simple salad with fat-free mayonnaise, a little lemon juice, very light seasoning, and a little chopped onion and celery so the flavor of the salmon could come through. It was served on crackers. At \$1.99 cents for a 14-ounce can, it costs about half as much as another brand on the same shelf.

One fan of canned salmon was high in her praise.

"The taste and texture are good and it has excellent color. The price is reasonable. I really can't find a reason not to buy it," she said.

The tester who made the salad was impressed by the amount of seafood in the can.

"I figured I would be able to drain away a lot of

it, but it was very solid in the can. It had nice chunks to sample and was easy to mix into salad, where it became smooth," she said.

Another tester added, "Its color and texture looked good to me."

A tester noted this canned salmon did not have the gritty chunks of bone, which were not as much to her liking, although they add calcium to the diet. The nutrition labeling on the can, which was not as much to her liking, although they add calcium to the diet.

Another commented that ordinarily she would not switch from tuna to salmon for salad, because canned tuna is basically less expensive than salmon and her family cannot tell a flavor difference. However, she would consider using this brand for other salmon dishes, like croquettes or a baked loaf.

CHEESE ZOMBIES

Thaw 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen white bread dough. Let dough rise. Divide into 6 pieces. Cut 6 ounces process American or cheddar cheese in 6 cubes. Wrap piece of dough around each cube of cheese.

Form dough into ball,

making sure cheese is in center and entirely covered. Pinch dough edges together to seal. Let rise again about 1 hour.

Bake in preheated 350° oven 25 minutes or until bread is browned.

Note: Cheddar cheese melts more evenly if coarsely grated.

Dough

Continued from page 1C, before taking the top \$10,000 entry in each of four categories to the "round table" to decide the top winner.

With the first bite of Macadamia Fudge Torte, she said, she knew it could win big.

This year's contest was the first to offer \$1 million to its winner. Marlene Johnson, director of product communications, said the leap was to capture people's interest and reflect increasingly larger prizes in other events. She called the torte a "1996 version of the Tunnel of Fudge cake," a 1966 winner which inspired a cake mix and popularized fluted tube cakes.

Categories this year included use of Old El Paso products, attributable to Pillsbury's acquisition of Pet Inc., formerly in St. Louis, and other quick ingredients.

Cowboy Steak 'n' Veggie Soup won the 30-minute main dishes category. Quick Apple Cranberry Pear Muffins took the \$10,000 prize among quick treats and snacks, and Orange-Glazed Tropical Fruit Scones won over other special side dishes and

simple breads. The fudge through the process with no entrant's name attached. Taylor said judges knew nothing about them until after all winners were chosen and judges had signed affidavits disavowing prior knowledge of recipes or contestants.

"It was an emotional experience at that point, to find out the real person behind the recipe," she said.

She looks forward to using many recipes from this year's bake-off, since she has first-hand knowledge of how they taste.

"I would happily handle that kind of pressure to judge again," she said.

This year's cookbook with all 100 recipes is available in supermarkets for \$3.50.

Characterizing herself as a "slow" cook and her husband, Rich, a "good" cook, she said their daughters, Mallory, 8, and Blair, 10, are eager to help, particularly with desserts.

Judging is a lesson in

Heart-y Bites

Spring becomes fruitful with gardening goals

Nothing demands forgiveness for a rough winter quicker than a glorious spring. Being a dietitian with a healthy obsession for food, I find this season pure paradise.

I have grown up with my father's garden, which has taken on grander proportions every year.

What once was a half dozen tomato plants is now a legion of Beefsteaks and Better Boys, smiling with ruby glee at carrots, Swiss chard, peppers, melons, strawberries, asparagus, zucchini, cauliflower, broccoli and several varieties of lettuce.

Anyone who needs a cheerleader for starting a garden should come to me. Nothing is quite as satisfying as harvesting one's own food. No store-bought tomato, pepper or cantaloupe compares to the wonder produced by a back yard.

Getting back to the earth is healthy for both mind

and body. Fruits and vegetables provide the bulk of vitamins a human body needs. They are a tasty way to get fiber. They are low in calories and contain negligible fat.

Registered dietitian Beth Heine is a member of the nutrition committee for the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

PASTA PRIMAVERA

- 1 cup bite-size broccoli florets
- 1 cup cauliflower, cut in bite-size pieces
- 1 cup snow peas, trimmed
- 1 cup asparagus, cut in 2 inch pieces
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 12 cloves garlic, minced
- 12 oz. uncooked penne,

rigatoni or other pasta
1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

Bring large stockpot of water to boil. Add broccoli and cauliflower. Cook 3 minutes.

Add snow peas and asparagus. Cook 2 to 3 minutes longer until asparagus is tender. Remove vegetables with slotted spoon.

Bring water back to rolling boil. Add pasta. Cook according to package directions.

In skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Cook garlic and mushrooms, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Place in warm serving bowl.

About 1 minute before pasta is done, return vegetables to boiling water to reheat. Drain pasta and vegetables, reserving 2 to 3 tablespoons water.

Add pasta mixture to serving dish. Toss lightly to coat until mixture is coated with flavorful oil.

By CYNTHIA FAUSER

Wise Ways

'All-natural' ingredient gives color to 'bug juice'

This is a true story. One day a man called me to find out what an ingredient was on his "all-natural" juice label. Apparently an educated consumer, he suspected "cochineal extract" might refer to beetles.

He was right.

A flip through my dictionary and a quick call to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration office confirmed that cochineal extract indeed comes from beetles.

Shells of the beetles, found in Mexico, have been a source of red dye for textiles and food coloring since the Aztecs. According to the FDA, the pasteurized extract is safe and an approved food coloring.

I am not saying I am concerned about the safety of "beetle juice" as a coloring ingredient, but it is a shock to find out the trade-off for man-made coloring agents is "all-natural" bug

extract. Most of us simply do not think of insects as a food source, even though we may have heard for years that John the Baptist lived off honey and locusts, two more insect-based foods, and some people consider chocolate-covered ants a delicacy.

The food industry may lead us to want to read labels better. Like with cochineal extract, the fine print on our new, improved food labels may need further scanning.

"All-natural" may include familiar ingredients we still may want to limit for their association with resultant chronic diseases. Cocoa butter, sugar and salt are three examples.

"One hundred percent juice" is another example. Mothers are told to choose such juices for their children, but careful label reading shows even some of these are not good sources

of vitamin C due to bottling procedures or their base, such as with apple juice, is poor in vitamin C.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

STRAWBERRY YOGURT SHAKE

- 1/2 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
- 3/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 1/2 cups frozen unsweetened strawberries
- 1 tsp. sugar

In blender, blend juice and yogurt, then add strawberries. Continue blending and add sugar. Puree at medium speed until thick and smooth.

mix mixture. Sprinkle over chip mixture.

Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes until top springs back when touched lightly in center.

Cool 10 minutes. Remove side of pan. Cool 1 1/2 hours or until completely cooled.

In small saucepan, combine ice cream topping and regular milk. Cook over medium-low heat 3 to 4 minutes until well blended, stirring occasionally.

To serve, spoon 2 tablespoons warm sauce into each serving plate and top with wedge of torte. If desired, serve with vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt, and garnish with chocolate curls.

Makes 12 servings; 460 calories, 16 g fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 490 mg sodium, 73 g carbohydrate, 5 g protein and 3 g dietary fiber each.

TACO-SEASONED CHICKEN SALAD

- 2 to 4 tbsp. oil
- 4 (6 inch) flour tortillas, cut in thin strips
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1

Blue Ribbon Cook

California loaf a winner

Summer Davis, Manchester, is winner of this week's recipe contest for California Lemon Loaf. She wins a prize of dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

Davis quickly warmed up to this month's citrus recipe contest because a recipe came to mind immediately. Until she moved to St. Louis last summer, she made California Lemon Loaf she picked from trees in her back yard. A teacher introduced her to the recipe when she was in fourth grade.

She recommends making it in small loaves to wrap festively as a holiday present, but suggests baking it any time of year to enjoy with a cup of hot tea for sunshine and warmth.

Recipes in the Potluck Dessert Recipe Contest should be postmarked by March 31 for consideration as winner each of the four Wednesdays in April.

Send one recipe per household to: Potluck Dessert Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

CALIFORNIA LEMON LOAF

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- Grated peel and juice of 1 large or 2 small lemons
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt, if desired
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Place rack in center of oven. Lightly grease and flour 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

Cream butter and granulated sugar until fluffy. Add lemon peel and juice. Mix to blend.

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add alternately with milk to butter mixture. Mix well.

Bake in preheated oven 50 to 60 minutes until done. Place pan on cooling rack.

Combine lemon juice with confectioner's sugar. Pierce top of loaf lightly a few times with fork. Pour half the lemon glaze over hot bread, letting it sink in. Cool.

lb.), cut in thin strips

1 (1 1/2 oz.) pkg. taco seasoning mix

1/4 cup water

4 cups purchased mixed salad greens

1 medium tomato, chopped

1 small onion, chopped

1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained, rinsed

1/4 to 1/2 cup ranch salad dressing

4 oz. (1 cup) shredded cheddar cheese

1/4 to 1/2 cup chunky salsa or picante sauce

In 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 to 2 tablespoons oil until hot. Cook and stir tortilla strips 6 to 8 minutes until crisp and golden brown. Remove from skillet.

Add 1 tablespoon oil to skillet. Cook and stir chicken until browned. Add taco seasoning mix and water. Reduce heat to medium.

Cook 3 to 4 minutes until chicken is no longer pink and water is absorbed, stirring occasionally.

Combine greens, tomato, onion, beans and dressing. Toss gently.

Spoon salad mixture onto individual plates. Arrange chicken over salad. Sprinkle with cheese and tortilla strips. Serve with salsa.

Today's Food

Collect banana bonanza from supportive fruit

While waiting longingly for the first fruits of spring and summer, rely on a delicious, nourishing treat on hand year-round — the banana.

Filling yet low in fat, bananas are rich in potassium and fiber. They come individually wrapped in their own recyclable peel.

Perfect for a lunch box or snack, most Americans simply peel bananas and eat them raw. Slicing them over cereal or mashing them in bread expands the limits of the banana recipe repertoire.

It is time to take a cue from cooks in Central America, where most U.S. bananas originate. Baked, broiled, fried or frozen, banana goes in soups and main dishes, as well as desserts.

Bananas are best to buy when bright yellow with green tips and overall look firm. In a few days, bananas turn darker yellow with brown flecks. If refrigerated at this point, they

maintain their interior texture a few more days, in spite of the skin turning black.

They are fine to eat from the time their peel is bright yellow and the fruit is dense to the point when a brown-spotted peel conceals soft fruit.

Bananas go well with many different flavors and foods — savory and sweet, strong and mild. Acidic citrus fruits, as well as strawberries and raspberries, pineapple, kiwifruit, papaya and mangoes all mix well with banana. With hot and spicy foods, such as some Indian curry dishes, bananas offer contrast in flavor and texture.

Of course, bananas go well in many desserts, including puddings, sherbets, soufflés, breads and pies. Banana Cake With Orange Icing is a sweet way to use overripe bananas.

To order a free brochure of tips on how to eat more healthy fresh fruits and Stir in seasoning mix, cabbage, ham, tarragon, pepper, boiling water, milk and butter.

Bake in preheated oven 20 minutes. Stir. Bake 15 to 20 minutes longer until tender. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 1 minute or until cheese melts. Serve with yogurt. Makes 6 servings.

vegetables, send name and address to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Department FF, Washington, D.C. 20069.

Registered dietitian Melanie Polk is director of nutrition education for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington.

BANANA CAKE WITH ORANGE ICING

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup mashed ripe banana (about 3)
1 tsp. grated orange rind, if desired
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup buttermilk (or milk soured with 2 tsp. lemon juice or vinegar)

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9-inch springform or square pan with nonstick cooking spray. In bowl, cream margarine.

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rine. Add sugar. Beat well. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla, banana and orange rind. Mix together flour, baking powder and baking soda. Beat into egg mixture alternately with buttermilk.

Spoon into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 40 minutes or until toothpick or knife inserted in cake center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan to rack to finish cooling.

Spread Orange Icing over cake.

Orange Icing: In small bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar, 2 tablespoons low-fat yogurt, 1 teaspoon grated orange rind and 1 teaspoon orange juice. Mix until smooth.

CABBAGE-AND-HAM SCALLOPED POTATOES

1 pkg. (4 servings) scalloped potato mix
2 cups shredded cabbage
1 slice ham (about 8 oz.), cut in 1/2 inch cubes
1/4 tsp. leaf tarragon
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 1/2 cups boiling water
2/3 cup milk
2 tsp. butter or margarine
1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup plain yogurt

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 2-quart baking dish. Put potato slices from mix into prepared-baking dish.



FEELING FIT

By Mark Lymberopoulos

Weight lifting is good for your heart as well as your muscles. The Archives of Internal Medicine tells of a study in which a group of women significantly lowered total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol. Hungry? The trick is never to go longer than five hours between meals or healthy snacks. Glucose runs out in that time, brainpower slips, and folks get so hungry they'll eat anything! Trampolines are being removed from many sports facilities and competitions, and the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended removing them from schools. Most "bouncers" don't injure, but accidents that do happen in a high-velocity tumble are devastating. Aerodynamic handlebars may be great for racing cyclists, but recreational bikers find they can cause neck, shoulder and back pain and interfere with steering and braking, too. When step aerobics get too easy, try using low steps! Set next to each other about 12 inches apart, they offer right sides to maneuver on. If you're not into step aerobics yet, find out what the fun's all about! Enroll in a step class at

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One serving from the grains group could be a slice of bread, half an English muffin, a pancake or ½ cup cooked cereal, such as oatmeal or Cream of Wheat. The variety here is so generous that achieving an ideal number of servings shouldn't be a problem.

Cooked cereal sounds overwhelming on a busy morning, but using a microwave oven relieves that stress.

A single serving of oatmeal can be cooked in less than 3 minutes. Combine 1 cup water, ½ cup uncooked regular or quick-cooking (not instant) oatmeal and dash of salt in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power 2½ to 3 minutes. Stir. Add milk or cream, plus sliced banana or strawberries. Breakfast is ready.

If Southern-style grits is the breakfast of choice, a microwave oven speeds up preparation. For one serving, combine ¾ cup water, ¼ cup milk, ¼ cup grits and dash of salt. Micro-

wave on high power 3 to 4 minutes until thickened. Stir in 2 tablespoons grated cheese and 1 tablespoon margarine before serving.

Muffins can be mixed and stored in the refrigerator, then baked individually as the breakfast crowd comes through the kitchen for eating there or grabbing a couple muffins as a breakfast break.

Most muffin recipes can be adapted to microwave cooking. This is ideal for individuals or small families, because the amount needed each day can be freshly cooked.

It is best to prepare a single batch of batter at a time, so ingredients do not spoil. To ensure the safety of muffins, it also may be best to cook what is needed to serve warm to the family as they leave for the day. The remainder can be cooked by the last one to eat, then stored for warming as a snack or for another breakfast.

This muffin recipe can be varied to suit individual tastes. General tips for cooking muffins in a microwave oven are included with directions. Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

By JUDY EDDY

BASIC MUFFINS

½ cup milk
½ cup sugar
½ cup oil
2 eggs, beaten, or 4 egg whites
1½ cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt

Combine milk, sugar, oil and eggs.

In separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Mix into milk mixture, stirring only until flour is moistened.

Spoon ¼ cup batter into paper-lined, microwave-safe muffin cups.

Microwave 1 muffin from fresh batter 20 to 25 seconds; from refrigerated batter 30 to 45 seconds, from frozen batter 45 to 60 seconds.

After cooking, muffins appear moist on top. After standing a minute or more, internal cooking should be complete.

Blueberry Muffins: Add ½ cup blueberries to batter.

CHEESE ZOMBIES

Thaw 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen white bread dough. Let dough rise. Divide into 6 pieces. Cut 6 ounces process American or cheddar cheese

in 6 cubes. Wrap piece of dough around each cube of cheese.

Form dough into ball, making sure cheese is in center and entirely covered. Pinch dough edges together

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Bake in preheated 350° oven 25 minutes or until bread is browned.

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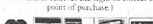
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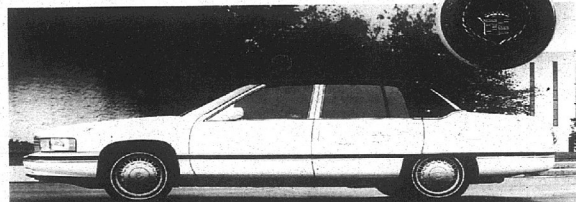
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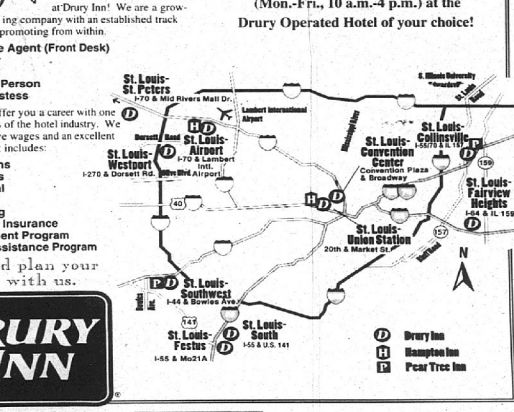
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Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 to attend officer's weekend

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 held its second meeting of the month on Feb. 27 with Joanna Spencer, president, opening the meeting.

Twenty-seven members were in attendance. They gave the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. Three applications for membership were read. Marilyn Thomas was re-enrolled.

Spencer announced that there will be a joint installation of the Aerie and auxiliary on June 1.

A vote was taken and approved to change the date of the District Seven meeting, which will be held by Granite City Auxiliary 1126 at 1 p.m. June 9.

The draping of the charter memorial service was performed in memory of Beulah "Madge" Laney, who passed away on Feb. 12. The officers who participated were Spencer, Mildred Boyd, Ann Pates, Sue Allen and Angie Bushler.

Correspondence was read from Theresa McWhinney of Springfield Auxiliary 347, who is running for the office of state outside guard for the central zone. A letter of support from the local auxiliary will be sent to Lorraine Clancy.

The local auxiliary is also sponsoring Spencer for the office of central zone trustee.

The Grand Aerie sent a "no goose egg" sticker for the poster for the month of January. They also sponsored a

national art contest for children in grades three to six. The theme is "Your Hometown." All children and grandchildren of Eagle members are encouraged to enter.

Evelyn and Richard Ederle sent a thank-you card to the auxiliary for their donations, services and visits for both of their mothers, who recently passed away. Edith Adams and Thelma Ederle.

A thank-you card was received from Pat Macke, who recently lost her husband, Clarence.

Morris Illinois Auxiliary has invited all to attend its state officers' weekend March 22 and 23. The auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday. A bean bag contest will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, with a cocktail hour beginning at 4 p.m. A banquet and dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A letter was received from Steve Allen of the Granite City School District to Leroy Stark, thanking the Aerie for the \$500 donation they received for the junior high school DARE program.

Streator Auxiliary 645 has invited all to attend its state officers' weekend on April 26 and 27. The auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday. A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Get well cards were sent to Mary Beeler, Shirley Fields and Teresa Warren for their recent hospital stays. Sympathy cards were sent to Glenna Garwood, who recently lost her nephew, and to Al Laney, who

recently lost his wife, Madge.

The nominating committee of Katie Kostoff, Liz Moore and Sandra Tudor can be contacted if you are interested in seeking an office for the upcoming year.

The Easter Sunday breakfast will be canceled so that all families can observe the holiday with their families. The next breakfast will be held May 5.

Spencer announced that Jim Boyd and the Bass Club had given a check for \$100 to the escort team for their volunteer services.

Jorgensen, Spencer, Fuzz Hagauer, Vincine Zerlan and Pates were to attend the central zone conference in Springfield March 8-10.

John Venn, 1996 Granite City High School wrestling champion, will be awarded a certificate of accomplishment by the auxiliary at a later date.

Others in attendance were Vera Johnson, Dorothy Landfried, Millie Weatherford, Becky Worley, Carol Miller, Hilda Melton, Rose Plechocinski, Mary Church, Laverne Malzyinski, Dorothy Robles, Barbara Ramsey, Martha Simpson, Helen Mih, Flo Stokes and Barbara Modrusic.

Prizes were won by Mildred and Dorothy Landfried. The Eagles attended the District Seven meeting in Shiloh on Feb. 11, hosted by Shiloh Auxiliary 545.

Marilyn Oyen of Alton Auxiliary 254 opened the meeting with all 51 members in attendance.

dance giving the Pledge of Allegiance. She then welcomed everyone and introduced her officers.

Eileen Carr of Wood River Auxiliary 2773, junior past president; Glenna Draper of Collinsville Auxiliary 1051, vice president; Joanna Spencer, Granite City Auxiliary 1126, chaplain; Rita Cuoco, Alton Auxiliary 254, historian; Doris Wallace, Jerseyville Auxiliary 2747, conductor; Katie Kostoff, Granite City Auxiliary 1126, inside guard; Rose Gibson, Collinsville Auxiliary 1051, outside guard; Barbara Wright of Shiloh Auxiliary 545, Emilie De Werf of Wood River Auxiliary 2747, and Jeanne Soper of Alton 254, pro-tem trustees; and Grace Gasparin, Collinsville Auxiliary 1051, pianist and soloist.

A roll call of officers was taken and the president announced that Shirley Fields of Alton Auxiliary 254, district trustee, and Thais Herbert, Shiloh Auxiliary 545, district mother, were in the hospital and were unable to attend the meeting.

The conductor escorted all state officers and chairmen into the meeting room. After their introduction, they were presented with a gift and seated to the left of the president.

Those attending were Jean Soper, Elaine Jagla, Hazel McCormick, Kathy Dulles, Joanna Spencer, Ruth Jorgensen, Rita Cuoco, Marilyn Oyen and Mary Stogner.

An initiation of candidates ceremony was given by the rit-

ual team for Kathy Finn of Wood River.

Ruth Jorgensen reported that she and Vera Johnson had resigned as ritual team captain and chaplain and that they were unable to compete in Paducah, Ky., at the seven-state conference. Rita Cuoco has been named captain and Mary Stogner of Collinsville has been named co-captain.

Tryouts will be held to fill the chaplain position on the team.

An auxiliary roll call was taken and Alton had seven members present. Collinsville had 20, Granite City had eight, Jerseyville had two, Shiloh had eight and Wood River had seven.

A letter was read requesting that District Seven sponsor Joanna Spencer for southern zone trustee. A letter had been previously read requesting that the group sponsor Elaine Jagla for the same position. A vote was taken and the district will sponsor both candidates for the office at the convention in June.

Flowers were sent to officers Eileen Carr, Shirley Fields and Thais Herbert, who are or were in the hospital.

Get-well wishes were sent to Betty Church, past president, and Helen Meyer, state vice president, who will be having surgery soon.

The trustees gave their membership reports. Alton has the most auxiliary members and Granite City was reported second.

The guest speaker, Barbara Wright of Shiloh, spoke on

"Guardian Angel" and that the Shiloh auxiliary has a guardian angel fund to assist the families when they have lost someone. The committee will serve dinner to the family and friends.

Other auxiliaries gave reports on the way in which they give the same service to families. Wright read a poem and presented the president with a guardian angel pin.

Mary Stogner, past president and past state ritual team captain, read a poem and welcomed the new member. She encouraged the district members to back their ritual team this year at the state convention.

Others in attendance were Martha Simpson, Hilda Melton, Mildred Boyd and Sue Allen, all from Granite City; Theresa Fitzpatrick of Jerseyville; Martha Howley of Alton; Gwen Tollison, Sharon Runion, Dawn Webber and Carol Morgan, all of Wood River; and Pam McDaniel, Sandra Uhles, Ruth Spelver, Mag Rogers, Bernice Kassel, Vivian Tomi, Mary Mueller, Stella Macari, Lara Cherry, Lottie Tomi, Helen Beshears, Dorothy Mayberry, Pearl McCormick, Ruth Kerrigan, Mary Fowler and Merita Williams, all of Collinsville.

Other members from Shiloh were Donathea Grauk, Armelia Wiseman, Judy Blaes, Deborah Burdell, Cheryl Inabinet, Evelyn Jacob and Cecilia "Pat" Haake.

The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. March 24 at the Eagles home in Collinsville.

Travelers Abroad hear wonders of Greece, Egypt tour

Travelers Abroad held their February meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, preceded by their usual Monday evening meal.

Dr. Alice Purdes, president, welcomed everyone and introduced five guests, Ruth McCoy, Jane Mills, Elizabeth Briggs, Burdine Hoelscher and Richard Duft Sr. Attendance prizes of dinners at Jerry's were won by Isabella Southwick and Helen Lilly.

Purdes introduced Mills, who spoke on her cruise and tour to Greece and Egypt, with most of the time being spent in Egypt.

Mills said she and her friend had gone several days ahead of time to Greece to do some visiting at places that were not included on the Greek portion of the trip. She said her background included teaching art history on the college level in the New England area, and, of course, many of the topics covered by her involved Greek and

Egyptian artifacts.

She said she would not recommend that anyone join a bus-type tour to Egypt now because the papers frequently mention the fact that bus tours are victims of robbery or attack.

On their first night in Cairo, she and her friend decided to go shopping. They hired their cab through the hotel and found out that the cab driver frequently would take shoppers to businesses owned by his friends or relatives. She said the city people wanted to sell things. They would go out and get asked for their customers and even leave the expensive jewelry lying out in the open while they were gone.

Commenting on the hospitals, she said there were the usual two types — private and government. The strange thing, though, was that the same doctors served both types of hospitals. The private hospitals had much better equipment.

She said she wondered how the doctors could adjust to having good equipment in one place and very little in the other.

Mills said there were more Egyptian ruins than could be visited. One had to be very selective and be content to read about some in books. She was fascinated by the pyramids.

She said security everywhere was very heavy. She and her traveling partner found that women sales personnel were much more aggressive than the men and that the children were also very aggressive.

Extreme poverty is everywhere, she said. On their drives down various streets, she was astounded to see animals displayed in the open, ready to be bought and cooked.

The weather was extremely hot and sanitation poor.

Tour guides in Egypt are required to have ar-

education degree and their guide was exceptionally good. She said their Greek tour portion was very dirty and lacking.

She was surprised when she heard the music or the call to prayers for the Muslims, which is generally five times a day. Many of the people would stop right where they were, even in the middle of a street, to go through their prayers.

Purdes announced that the March 25 meeting topic will be "Alaska" and will be presented by Richard Duft Jr.

Other members present were Frieda Burgdorf, Lillian Delp, Betty Duft, Georgia Engle, Dorothy Hoebebeck, Charles and Jeanette James, Fred Feldworth, Josephine Beatty, Pat Thomas, Barbara Williams, Marguerite Lexow, Marjorie Schocker, Rose Schmidt and Marge O'Neill.

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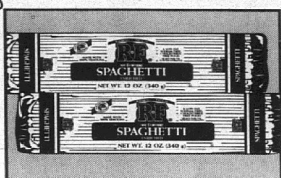
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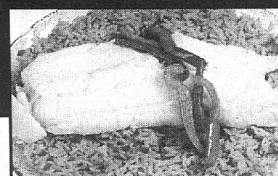
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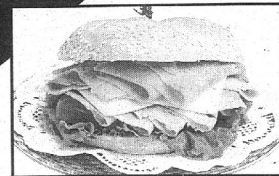
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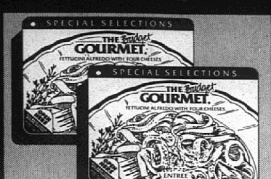
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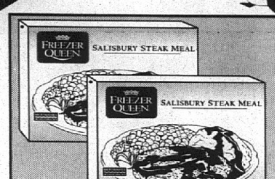
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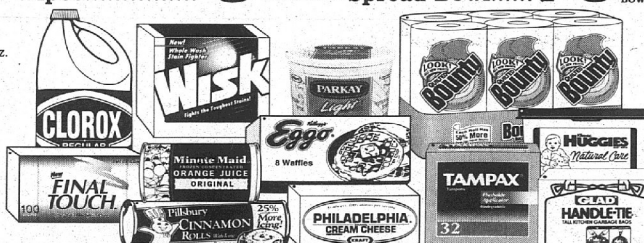
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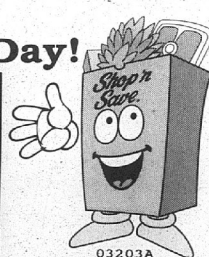
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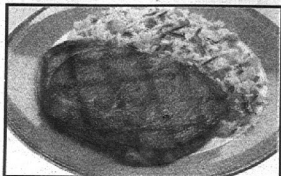
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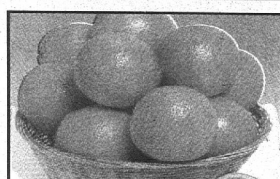
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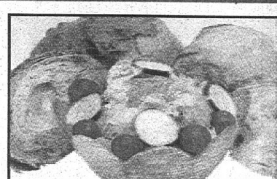
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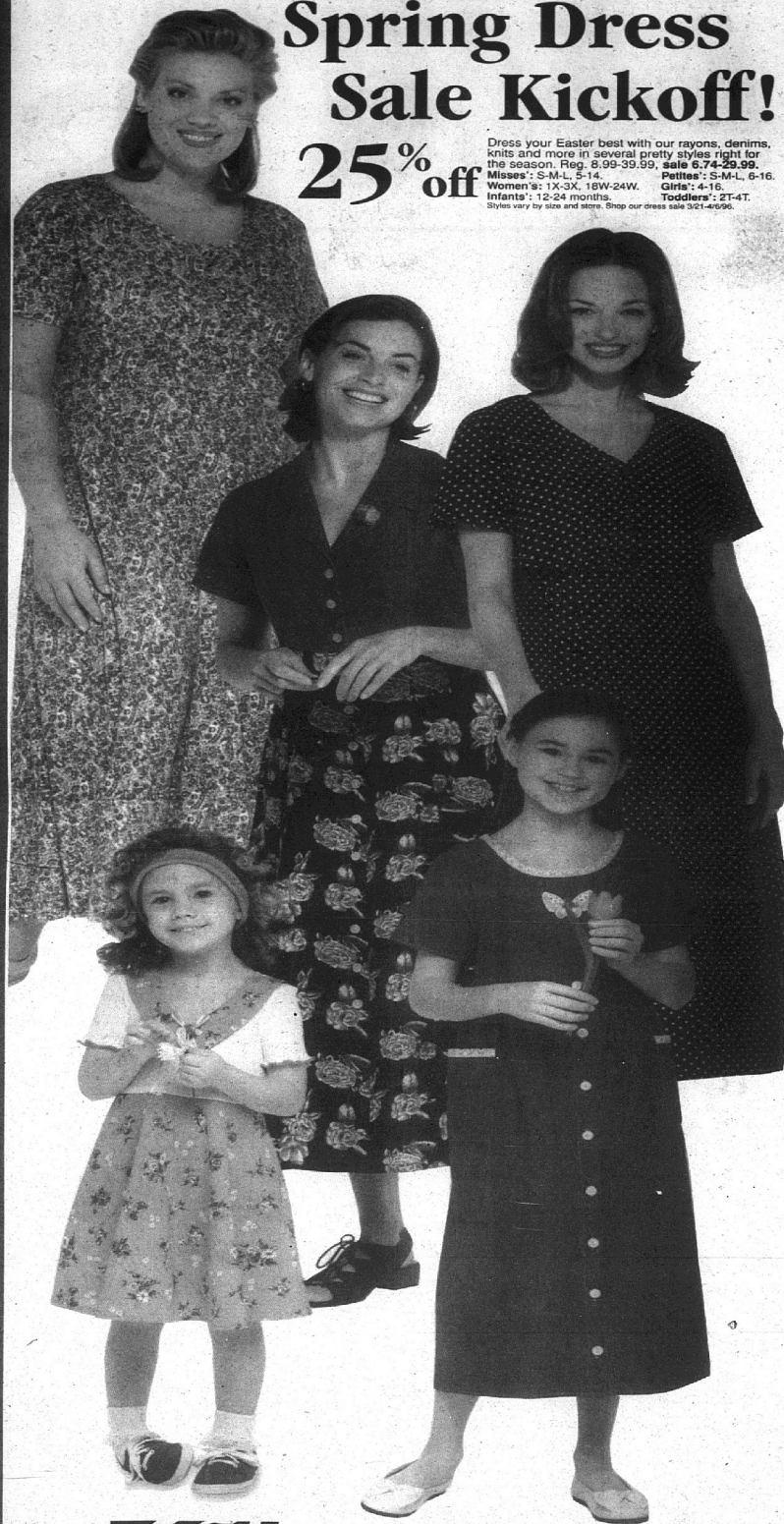
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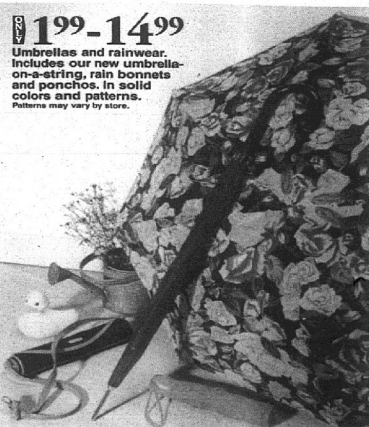
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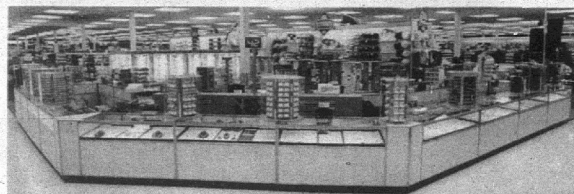


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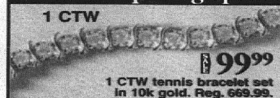


Ladies' And Men's Armitron Watches



YOUR GIFT!
Free Pair Of .02
CTW Diamond
Stud Earrings
With Any Fine
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To the first 25 Customers per store.

Grand Re-Opening Special



70% Off Diamonds



30-50% Off Sterling Silver



70% Off Gold Anklets



70% Off Gold Ring



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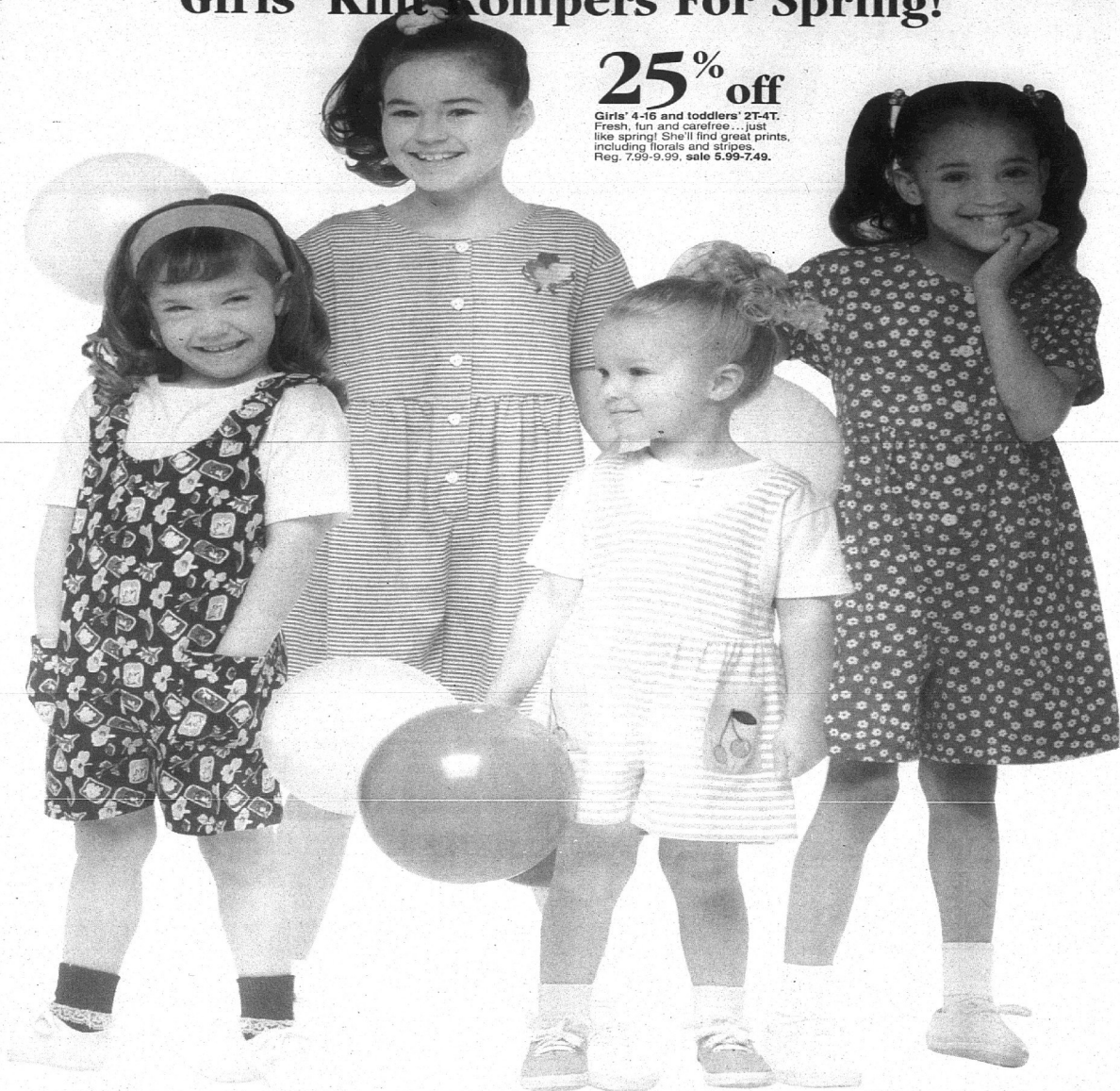
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ENTIRE STOCK
Girls' Knit Rompers For Spring!

25% off

Girls' 4-16 and toddlers' 2T-4T. Fresh, fun and carefree... just like spring! She'll find great prints, including florals and stripes. Reg. 7.99-9.99, sale 5.99-7.49.



Spencer's

25% off ENTIRE STOCK

Tank tops and knit jog shorts by Spencer's. Mix 'n match fun, bright colors and prints. 100% cotton. Infants' 12-24 mos., toddlers' 2T-4T. Reg. 2.99, sale 2.24.

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ENTIRE STOCK

25% off

Short sets. He'll be ready for action in our 2-pc. short sets. Exciting screens include sports themes as well as characters. Boys' 4-18. Reg. 9.99-14.99, sale 7.49-11.24.

ENTIRE STOCK

Spalding Sportswear, Exclusively At Venture!
We're Proud To Introduce Spalding Athletic Apparel.

20% off

- Men's tanks. Reg. \$5.99, sale \$4.79.
- Men's tees. Reg. \$9.99, sale 7.99.
- Men's shooter shorts. Reg. \$9.99, sale 7.99.
- Men's oversized shorts. Reg. \$9.99, sale 7.99.
- Men's 90 waist shorts. Reg. \$12.99, sale \$9.99.
- All boys 4-18 Spalding activewear. Reg. \$9.99, sale 7.99.

20% off entire stock of men's, boys' and youths' Spalding leather athletic footwear. Men's 7-11, 12. Boys' 8, 9, 10, 11-13. Reg. \$10.99-\$26.99, sale \$8.79-\$21.59.

SPALDING

Clothes To Mouse Around In, All Under \$15.



SALE 9⁹⁹

Mickey Unlimited screened tees by Disney. Wear the world's coolest mouse in comfortable 100% cotton. Assorted styles. Men's M-XL. Reg. 12.99.



SALE 14⁹⁹

Mickey Unlimited embroidered tees by Disney. 100% cotton tees in an array of quality, embroidered designs. Men's L-XL. Reg. 19.99.



SALE 7⁹⁹

MTO™ twill pull-on shorts. 100% cotton shorts in his favorite solid colors. Side pockets. Men's M-XL. Reg. 9.99. Big Men's 2X-3X. Reg. 11.99, sale 9.99.

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Grand Re-Opening Specials

Your new Venture has selected these Specials with your family, your home and your budget in mind. From Legos to Diamonds, Venture is your one-stop shop for value!

Grand Re-Opening Special

2 CTW

249.99 2 CTW diamond bracelet in 10k gold. Reg. 999.99.

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Grand Re-Opening Special

6.99 Spalding 3-pack briefs in low rise, bikini or sport styles. Men's S-XL. Reg. 8.99.

Grand Re-Opening Special

2 for \$9 Volleys® 6-pack socks in three styles. Men's 10-13. Reg. 5.99 ea.

Grand Re-Opening Special

3 bras for \$9.99

9.99 Special Purchase. Hanes Her Way 3-pack bras.

Grand Re-Opening Special

4.99 Canvas mules. Ladies' 5-10. Reg. 6.99. Colors may vary by store.

Grand Re-Opening Special

25% off Knit tees & shorts. Girls' 4-16 and boys' 4-16. Reg. 3.99-16.99, sale 2.99-12.74.

Grand Re-Opening Special

25% off Wilson and Spalding activewear. Boys' 4-16. Reg. 6.99-16.99, sale 5.24-12.74.

Grand Re-Opening Special

25% off Rayon campshirts. Misses' S-L. Women's 18W-24W. Sale 9.99.

Grand Re-Opening Special

2/\$4 Stayfree maxis or ultra thins. Choose from 18" to 28-count.

Grand Re-Opening Special

19.99 Shiatsu massager. Instant massage for neck, back and arms. Reg. 39.99.

Grand Re-Opening Special

33% off Framed and unframed art. Great for home or office. Reg. 5.99-12.99, 4.01-8.70.

Grand Re-Opening Special

14.99 Micro-Chip potato chip maker. Delicious, crispy, fat-free chips. Reg. 17.99.

Grand Re-Opening Special

Buy 2 Lego Sets, Get 1 Set FREE!

1.49-169.99 Lego sets, reg. 1.49-169.99. With a \$15 minimum purchase. *Second set of equal or lesser value.

Grand Re-Opening Special

14.99 21" Easter Bunny. A soft and loveable bunny friend for your little one. Reg. 19.99.

Grand Re-Opening Special

30% off Tiers, panels, draperies and valances in many styles. Reg. 3.99-62.99, sale 2.79-44.69.

Grand Re-Opening Special

59.97 Printed bed ensemble. In four popular patterns. Reg. 74.99.



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